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Fear Not: Part 1

The recurring phrase in the story of the birth of Jesus is “_____.” What the angels knew is that fear would rob the participants of the ability to believe and experience what God was doing as He was bringing salvation for the world.

Fear is an emotion, which if left unaddressed, will become a _____ factor in your life, keeping you from the future God has for you.

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love and self-discipline.” —2 Timothy 1:7 NLT

Luke 1:26–38

Why are we afraid of God’s plans?

1. God’s interruptions are often _____ . (Luke 1:26–29)
 - What we often see as interruptions, God calls invitations to be a part of something that will be life giving.
2. God’s purpose is often _____ than your plan. (Luke 1:31–33)

- We often plan to what we know while God is planning according to the potential He has placed in our lives and the purpose He has for us.
- *“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”*—Isaiah 55:8–9
- 3. God’s plans are _____ than what we can accomplish on our own. (Luke 1:35–37)
- God has a track record of calling ordinary individuals to opportunities that are far beyond their human ability.

When God invites you into His plan, always remember...

- _____ is God’s responsibility. (Luke 1:37)
- _____ is your responsibility. (Luke 1:38)

Answers: fear not; limiting; inconvenient; different; greater; Outcome; Obedience

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