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“This is it! Don’t get scared now!”

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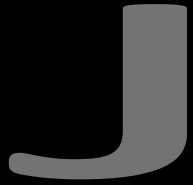
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#RemnantChristmas





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We all need our
“Don’t get scared now”
moments.



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A reality for us all is that “fear” drives us far more than we think and probably more than we ever want to admit.

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As we move forward with God there will be times and seasons where we all need to learn to stir up our “this is it, don’t get scared now” moments.

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1. “Don’t get scared now”...
when you realize that God actually
has an “assignment” on your life.

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30 And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” 34 And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

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35 And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. 36 And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. 37 For nothing will be impossible with God.” 38 And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.



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J Mary's account shows us the importance of "belief" and coming into "alignment" with God.

Mary's God-given assignment will never be duplicated, however, realize that your own is no less important to God, your family, and your community.

Luke 1:18-20

18 And Zechariah said to the angel, “How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years.”

19 And the angel answered him, “I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. 20 And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time.”

- “Don’t get scared now” to believe and align with what God says through scripture about you
- “Don’t get scared now” to start buying into what the Holy Spirit is talking to you about (desire/pressure)
- Don’t get scared now” to receive and pray into what someone has spoke over your life (prophesied)

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2. “Don’t get scared now” ...
when God changes what you
thought your life would be like.

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Matthew 1:18-25 (ESV)

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

19 And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. 20 But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

23 “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

24 When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, 25 but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.



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Joseph's account shows us that coming into alignment with God's plan for him was "obedience."

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Joseph was most likely chosen for his God-given assignment because of his "Godly character" and "obedience" even when it radically changed his plans.

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3. “Don’t get scared now” ...
when God starts drawing you to a
deeper place of trust with Him.

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Luke 2:8-20 (ESV) The Angels and the Shepherds

8 And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. 10 And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

12 And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

14 “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

15 When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.”

16 And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. 17 And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. 18 And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. 20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.



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Luke 1:46-55

46 “My soul magnifies the Lord,
47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
48 for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
49 for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

50 And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation
to generation.

51 He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;
52 he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;
53 he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
54 He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
55 as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

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I believe this Christmas account highlighting Mary's reaction is a view of her quietly soaking in the sovereignty of God's plans and maybe pondering the trust she will need to stay there.

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Going to a deeper place with God is a journey that can be rather sobering at times...it takes a lot of trust and vulnerability to stay in process with Him.

Why? ...because anytime we chose into aligning more fully with God, we most likely will all face several “this is it, don’t get scared now” moments ...where we realize that we must shed more of our own desires and expectations, to be replaced by God’s plans and Kingdom purposes for our lives.

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Jeff Lyle tweeted:

“‘Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.’ - Psalm 23:6

Comfort & ease do not follow us all the days of our lives. Goodness and mercy do - they chase us down to ambush us in the Shepherd’s love.”

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4. “Don’t get scared now”...
when a “Herod” season looms
large in front of you.

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Matthew 2:1-6

The Visit of the Wise Men

1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him;

Matthew 2 cont.

4 and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

6 ‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’

Matthew 2:16:18

Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. 17 Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

18 “A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”



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Even though King Herod and Satan combined were the two most powerful earthly forces, they still could not stop God's plans of providing a Messiah / Savior for Mankind.

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This account of God bringing about His plan of salvation for mankind into the world in the most difficult of seasons is a picture of the “hope” and “confidence” we can have in His sovereign power to work in our lives also.

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Luke 1:37

37 For nothing will be impossible with God.

It is not always easy to face the earthly opposition that can come at us, but when it does, we can learn to say, “This is it, don’t get scared now.” because nothing is impossible with God.

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