

# MESSAGE NOTES | DECEMBER 16 2018



**This is Crazy!**  
Luke 1, p. 714 & Matthew 1, p. 675  
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Luke 1

Matthew 1

### What did Mary & Joseph do?

- Luke 1:38 →
- Matthew 1:24 →

### Mary and Joseph had to be convinced that...

1. God has ***spoken*** (Matthew 1:24 & Luke 1:38).
2. God's ***Word*** will not fail (Luke 1:37).
3. God's plan for me ***is the best plan*** (John 21).
4. God will ***provide*** and ***protect*** (Matthew 2).

God was asking Mary & Joseph ***to surrender*** .

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**ONE THING: *Surrender your whole life to Jesus!***

## NEXT STEPS

- Memorize Luke 1:38.
- Give more through Advent Conspiracy.
- I want to be baptized (January 27).
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

## NOTES FOR PERSONAL & SMALL GROUP STUDY

### KEEPING IT REAL

**1** Winston Churchill's famous "We Shall Never Surrender" speech inspired a nation in 1940 and many more since then. Refusing to surrender deeply resonates with who we are as people. Tell of a time you struggled with surrender.

### LOOK AT THE BOOK

**2** Place yourself in Mary's sandals. How would you describe her struggle with surrender?  
• Luke 1:29-38 & 2:34-35  
• John 8:37-41

**3** What do you make of the actions and silence of Joseph? How do they indicate the depth of his surrender struggle?  
• Matthew 1:18-25  
• Matthew 2:13-22

### TAKING IT FURTHER

**4** Surrender is never easy because it is typically forced upon us. How is surrender to Jesus different? How is He calling you to surrender today?

## WORSHIP LYRICS

If you'd like to spend more time with the lyrics from any of the songs this morning, please click on the song title below to continue worshipping.

[Your Grace is Enough](#)

[Noel](#)

[Be Born in Me \(Mary\)](#)

[Adore](#)

[Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus](#)