



### Direction in Believing

Luke 1:26-38(NIV): "In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> The angel went to her and said, 'Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.' <sup>29</sup> Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> But the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.' <sup>34</sup> 'How will this be,' Mary asked the angel, 'since I am a virgin?' <sup>35</sup> The angel answered, 'The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. <sup>37</sup> For no word from God will ever fail.' <sup>38</sup> 'I am the Lord's servant,'" Mary answered. 'May your word to me be fulfilled.' Then the angel left her."

We make the world a better place by accepting and reflecting the character of God

Luke 1:31(NIV) "...and you are to call him Jesus."

Belief is Powerful

It takes believing to create meaning

Jesus: Yeshua, "The Lord is Salvation"

The Christmas Story is a Salvation Story

What is Salvation?

Exodus 14:30(NIV): "That day the Lord saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians..."

Proverbs 28:18(EHV): "A person who walks with *integrity* will be *saved*..."

Luke 19:7-9(voice): "Now the crowd sees this, and they're upset. Crowd (*grumbling*): Jesus has become the houseguest of this fellow who is a notorious sinner. Zaccheus: 8 Lord, I am giving half of my goods to the poor, and whomever I have cheated I will pay back four times what I took. Jesus: 9 Today Salvation/liberation has come to this house..."

The direction of your life is determined by the story you choose to believe.

### **How Fast Do We Speak?**

Speak: 150 words per minute

Inner Voice: 1,300 words per minute

### **The Volume of Our Inner Voice**

1.25 million words per day

Equivalent to 13 books daily or 178 State of the Union addresses!