



Sunday, December 8, 2019 | Wawasee Community Bible Church
Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

Part 2: **Overwhelming Grace**

Luke 1:26-38

Review: Some Basics About Angels

Angels are **created**, spiritual, moral, personal beings.

Nehemiah 9:6; Colossians 1:16; 2 Peter 2:4

There is **rank** among the angels.

Revelation 12:7-8; Jude 9

Angels have great **power**, but they are **not God**.

Matthew 28:2; Revelation 22:9

God's grace is UNEXPECTED, (v. 26-29)

it is **God initiated** v. 26

Romans 5:8; 1 John 4:10

it seems **illogical** v. 29

1 Corinthians 1:18

UNDESERVED, (v. 30-34)

Biblical Grace = *unmerited favor* Romans 11:6; 2 Timothy 1:9-10; Ephesians 2:8-9

Importance of the Virgin Birth v. 31, 34-35

1. *Salvation is clearly from God alone.*
2. *Makes possible (and evident) the uniting of fully deity and fully humanity in one person.*
3. *Makes possible Jesus' true humanity without inherited sin.*

and OVERWHEMLING ! (v. 35-38)

"overshadow"..."therefore holy" v. 35 Exodus 40:35; John 1:14

Your only responsibility is to believe! v. 38 Romans 10:9; Acts 16:31; John 6:29



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HOMEWORK

What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups. The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a parallel passage of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin.

Getting Started

1. **Getting to Know You:** *Have you ever had something good happen to you or that was given to you that you were not expecting and that you didn't deserve?*
2. Review your message notes. What stood out to you from the message this week? What'd you learn? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it with your group.

Digging Deeper

3. What is biblical grace? Pastor Josh defined it as "unmerited favor". How else have you heard it defined?
4. **Read Luke 11:26-38.** What was unique about Mary? What did she do to get God to bless her in this way?
5. How does Mary respond to God's word to her through the angel Gabriel? (**see v. 29, 34, 38**)
6. Which comes first... God's grace (favor) toward Mary, or her obedience?
7. Put yourself in Mary's shoes... a young teenage girl; promised in marriage to another teenager named Joseph; living in a small town of maybe 400 people; an angel appears to you and says you're going to have a baby... How would you respond? What types of things would go through your head? What type of reaction do you think Mary faced from others after this?
8. How would people respond to Mary if this took place in our community today?
9. Another person who receives God's grace and then obeys him is Noah in the Old Testament. **Read Genesis 6:5-7.** What was God planning to do? Why?
10. **Read Genesis 6:8.** What was unique about Noah?
11. According to **Genesis 6:5-8**, what did Noah do to get God to bless him in this way?
12. **Read Genesis 6:9.** Which comes first... God's grace (favor) toward him, or his obedience (walking with God)?
13. **Read Genesis 6:9-22.** Put yourself in Noah's shoes... an old man; God tells you he's going to destroy the world with a flood, yet it's likely never rained before at this point in history; you live inland and God tells you to build a giant boat (which would take decades to complete); had anyone here even seen a boat before? ...How would you respond? What types of things would go through your head? What type of reaction would Noah face from his family and friends for obeying God?
14. How has God's grace in Jesus affected you? Have you believed in Jesus?
15. Spend time praying for and with your group.

