

Advent 2023: Surprising Grace

Luke 1:26-38



**Receiving God's blessings as BLESSINGS
requires faith.**

- **The Burden of Christmas**
- **Receiving God's Blessings**

The Burden of Christmas

- This baby is about to make life very hard for Mary
- Despite all these trials, the baby is a blessing and a sign of God's favor

Receiving God's Blessings

- Mary receives the baby as a blessing through faith
- In order to receive God's blessings as BLESSINGS, we need faith
- If nothing is impossible with God, then even the toughest circumstances we face can be His way of bringing us blessing

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