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Is it Here Yet?

When the wait drags on we can easily lose _____.

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. ²⁸ Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!" ²⁹ Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. ³⁰ "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God! ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!" ³⁴ Mary asked the angel, "But how can this happen? I am a virgin." ³⁵ The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ What's more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she's now in her sixth month. ³⁷ For nothing is impossible with God." ³⁸ Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true." And then the angel left her.

Luke 1:26-38 (NLT)

God is at work:

- In _____ that we are unaware.
- In _____ and _____ that we would never expect.

Nothing is _____ with God.

³⁸ ... "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true."
Luke 1:38a (NLT)

John Wesley's covenant prayer:

Let me be your servant. Make me what you will, set me where you will. Let me be a vessel of silver or gold, or a vessel of wood or stone, so I be a vessel of honor. I am content if I be not the head, or the eye, or the ear, one of the nobler and more honorable instruments you will employ, let me be the hand or the foot as one of the lowest and least esteemed of all of your servants. Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will, put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed for you or laid aside for you, exalted for you or trodden underfoot for you. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily resign all to your pleasure and disposal.

My Next Steps Today Are To...

- For the first time, admit that I need a Savior and so I choose today to believe in Jesus confessing my sin to him and receiving his grace and forgiveness.
- Surrender the waiting moments of my life into God's hands making myself available whatever that would mean.
- Believe that God is at work even when I don't see it.
- Meditate on and/or memorize Luke 1:38