

**When God Shows Up in Unlikely Ways**  
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**LIFE IN THE FLATLANDS**

Square, Triangles, Circles which really are...

*Luke 1:26–38 NLT*

**1. God Shows Up in Unlikely PLACES**

- Gabriel is sent to **Nazareth**—a nowhere town with no reputation (Luke 1:26–27).
- God still steps into overlooked, ordinary, unexpected places today.
- **John 1:46** – “Can anything good come from Nazareth?”

**2. God Shows Up to Unlikely PEOPLE**

- Mary: a young, poor, uneducated teenager.
- Joseph: a humble, working-class carpenter.
- God speaks to “unlikely” people not because of merit, but because of **grace**.
- **Luke 1:28** – “Rejoice, you who have been and remain graced; the Lord is with you.”

**3. God Shows Up Through Unlikely CIRCUMSTANCES**

- The virgin birth—miraculous, confusing, and unexpected (Luke 1:34–35).
- God often works in ways we would never choose, to write stories we could never imagine.
- **Luke 1:37** – “For the word of God will never fail.”

**Response: The Posture God Honors**

- Mary’s surrender: “**I am the Lord’s servant.**” (Luke 1:38)
- Put your **yes** on the table before you know the details.
- Look for spheres, not circles—God is at work even when it doesn’t look like what you expected.