

about God in this moment? What have you learned?

Day Four: Luke 1:26-38

- What is the setting of this text (26-27)? What did the angel initially say to Mary (28)? Why do you think she was “greatly troubled at his words”? No matter how warm the greeting, how do you think you’d respond to an angelic visit?
- How did the angel reassure Mary, and what did he say would happen (30-33)? Why did she wonder how this could be possible (34)? What did the angel then explain (35-37)?
- Meditate on the angel’s final words: “for no word from God will ever fail.” When have you experienced this truth? How does it help you feel close to the Lord?
- What was the last thing Mary said to the angel (38)? While initially troubled, she didn’t run from God. Bring to mind times when your response to the Lord evolved. How do you think God feels about such transformations? Ask him to highlight one present situation where the temptation to run away is strong. Respond to the Lord.

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B. _____

C. _____

Day Five: Acts 10:23-48

- Where was Peter going (23-24)? Describe his arrival (24-25). Explain his newfound willingness to enter a Gentile’s house (27-29). Recall times of doing something new or scary because you sensed God moving you in that direction. What was it like?
- Why did Cornelius call for Peter (30-33)? How amazing that God brought these men together by giving each one a vision! Pray you’d get to witness and experience the miraculous and multi-faceted ways the Lord works in our lives.
- Summarize “everything the Lord commanded” Peter to tell Cornelius (34-43). What happened while Peter was speaking (44, 46)? How did the Jews react (45)? What did Peter then say and

III.

- are you to do *all* that the Lord tells you to do? No one can do that on their own; ask God for strength to follow his commands. What is your response to the assertion that such severe curses will be sent to overtake the disobedient? Speak to the Lord about this.
- Where will the disobedient be cursed (16)? What will be the result (17-18, 20-24)? When will these curses happen (19)? What is the end result of all the curses (20-22)? Note whether each curse is personal, economic or social.
 - Bring to mind your own experiences of curses or consequences. Today, what are your thoughts and feelings on the matter? Does God give a second chance for the deliberately disobedient? What second chance do you need from God? Ask him for it.

Day Two: Psalm 61

- What does David want (1)? As he calls out to the Lord, how do you think he feels (2)? Why do you think this is the case? Where do you want to be (2)? Why (3)? How is God's presence like a rock or a strong tower in your life? How does this make you feel?
- What else does David long for (4)? In the second part of the verse, he describes one of God's feminine attributes. How might the Lord's protection manifest in a motherly way? How do you need God to keep you safe as only a mother would? How do your needs up to the Lord and ask for his rescue.
- What does David then say about vows and heritage (5)? How is running to God for deliverance part of your spiritual life? How is this modeled to you in any way? Take a moment now to think of anyone who's inspired you. How does David pray for deliverance (6-7)? Consider whether these verses are Messianic. How do they also point to Jesus? How does David conclude this psalm?

Day Three: Matthew 8:23-27