

**Make Room for Faith**  
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**Advent means...**

*John 10:10b, LB – [Jesus said,] “My purpose is to give life in all its fullness.”*

*Main Passage: Luke 1:26-38, NIV*

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**The false post-enlightenment belief that \_\_\_\_\_**

*Ecclesiastes 1:17-18, NLT – So I set out to learn everything from wisdom to madness and folly. But I learned firsthand that pursuing all this is like chasing the wind. The greater my wisdom, the greater my grief. To increase knowledge only increases sorrow.*

*Luke 1:34, NIV – “How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”*

*Luke 1:35b, CEV – [The angel Gabriel explained,] “The Holy Spirit will come down to you, and God’s power will come over you. So your child will be called the holy Son of God.”*

**The answer is the \_\_\_\_\_ rather than any science or philosophy explaining him.**

*John 1:14, NIV – The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

*Psalms 131:1-3 (NLT), “Lord, my heart is not proud; my eyes are not haughty. I don’t concern myself with matters too great or too awesome for me to grasp. Instead, I have calmed and quieted myself, like a weaned child who no longer cries for its mother’s milk. Yes, like a weaned child is my soul within me. O Israel, put your hope in the Lord—now and always.*

*Luke 1:38, NIV – “I am the Lord’s servant... May your word to me be fulfilled.”*

*Isaiah 26:3, NLT – You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!*

**God, I trust you with...**

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*Isaiah 43:18-19, ICB – The Lord says, “Forget what happened before. Do not think about the past. Look at the new thing I am going to do. It is already happening. Don’t you see it? I will make a road in the desert. I will make rivers in the dry land.”*

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*Romans 8:32, LB – Since [God] did not spare even his own Son for us but gave him up for us all, won’t he also surely give us everything else?*

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*Psalms 30:5b, NLT – Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning.*

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*1 John 3:20, NLT – Even if we feel guilty, God is greater than our feelings, and he knows everything.*

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*Isaiah 12:2, NLT – See, God has come to save me. I will trust in him and not be afraid. The Lord God is my strength and my song; he has given me victory.*

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*Colossians 2:2-3, GNT – I do this in order that they may be filled with courage and may be drawn together in love, and so have the full wealth of assurance which true understanding brings. In this way they will know God’s secret, which is Christ himself. He is the key that opens all the hidden treasures of God’s wisdom and knowledge.*

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*John 13:34, NLT – So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.*

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*Isaiah 40:11, NIV – He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.*

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*Hebrews 13:5, NIV – Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”*

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*Luke 1:37, ESV – For nothing will be impossible with God.*