

## A MOMENT OF SURRENDER

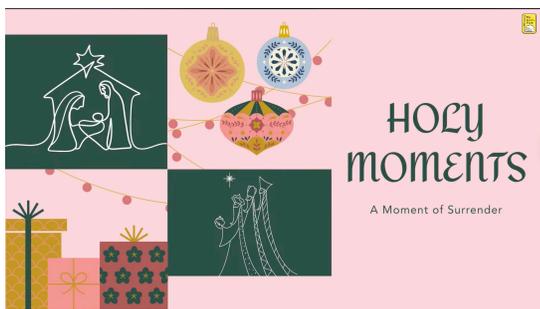
### (Holy Moments, Part 2)

#### The Lord's Flock Worship Service Topic

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The Blessed Virgin Mary's moment of surrender is known as the Annunciation, when the angel Gabriel announces God's plan to her, and she responds with complete **OBEDIENCE** by saying, "Be it done to me according to Your Word" (Lk. 1:26–38).



Obedience to God is often painful and challenging because it requires us to let go of control and to trust God more than ourselves. Then, why is it easy for Mary to obey God? Her obedience leads to full surrender because of her strong faith, deep relationship, and great love for God.

#### 1. Mary knows God loves her.

**1.1** It is easy to obey someone who loves us because we know that someone will not allow us to do anything that would harm us.

**1.2** Mary knows God loves her, not only in her heart but in her entire being, making obedience her act of confidence and love rather than obligation.

**1.3** When we know God loves us deeply not just in our thoughts but in how we live, obedience becomes a joyful and trusting response.

**1.4** Like Mary, we are called to follow God with confidence, believing that His will always leads us toward life and goodness.

#### 2. Mary has a deep relationship with God.

**2.1** A deep relationship with God grows in silence because divine guidance is not always loud; it is often felt in gentle movements of the heart.

**2.2** Mary's heart is ready for the silence that creates space for God's voice to be heard through what is unspoken. Silence is not empty; it is full and often reveals more than words could.

**2.3** When we quiet our hearts, we become more attentive to God's voice. We are establishing a connection with God, so we can listen, trust, and respond to Him with faith.

#### 3. Mary has a great love for God.

**3.1** When we love someone, we naturally listen, and when we listen, obedience follows. Mary's obedience does not come from fear or force – it comes from love.

**3.2** When we grow in love for God, obedience becomes a natural response rather than a struggle.

#### 4. Mary has strong faith in God.

**4.1** Mary's obedience is rooted in faith. She obeys God not because she understands everything, but because she believes in God, and her obedience is a loving response to God.

**4.2** Obedience in faith is not about perfect understanding but about trusting God even in uncertainty.

#### 5. Mary surrenders to God.

**5.1** Mary offers her mind, heart, body, and future to God. She accepts suffering, misunderstanding, and hardship in following His will.

**5.2** She does not care about shame and people's judgment, believing that God can turn them into moments of grace.

**5.3** When we trust God fully, He can transform what is "ugly" into what is "beautiful."

#### Conclusion:

A moment of surrender to God is saying "Yes, Lord," – the time when we let go and let God control our lives; **obedience** is the way we live out our "Yes, Lord" every day.

#### Reflection:

In what area of your life do you struggle with obedience to God? Why?

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