

*Saturday, December 11, 2004*

*Scripture Reading:* Luke 1:26-38

There are many miracles in the Bible, the loaves and the fish, changing water to wine and so many more. When I think about miracles, I think of the miracle of life. What a wondrous thing this is. We all know how this happens scientifically, but the way I felt was beyond science. When the doctor confirms what you already know in your heart is like no other feeling, but when you experience the first flutter of life, what a feeling, one that I will never forget.

I have often wondered how Mary must have felt that night when the angel Gabriel appeared to her with the news of her pending birth. What was going through her mind? She was not married; she was a virgin. Gabriel told Mary that the Holy Spirit would come upon her and she would be with child and that her child would be called Jesus the Son of God.

What was the miracle? Was it the virgin birth? Was it that her child would be the Messiah? Or was it Mary's faith and devotion to the Lord?

I believe that there are miracles around us. All we have to do is put our faith and trust in the Lord and we will find them.

Prayer: Dear Lord, Please help us to open our eyes and hearts and look for the miracles around us each day. In this busy time of the year, let us slow down and look for your miracles and give thanks. Amen.

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