

**Love, Dates & Heartbreaks**  
When Dreams Can't Come True  
July 31, 2022

**Questions for Personal Reflection and Group Discussion**

Have you ever known someone who responded to a broken dream in a positive way? Why do you think they were able to do so?

The prosperity gospel promotes the idea that if you do something for God, God will do something for you. Have you ever tried to bargain or negotiate with God? How did that turn out?

**1. Read Luke 1:26-38.**

How does Luke describe Mary in verse 27? What do you think Mary's expectations for her future were, based on her circumstances prior to her conversation with Gabriel?

How did Mary respond to Gabriel's message?

Imagine receiving a message like the one Mary did. How would you respond?

**2. Read 2 Samuel 15:25-30.**

What do you notice about David's behavior and attitude as he leads his family out of Jerusalem and into the wilderness?

How might your perspective about your current circumstances change, if you allowed God to have His way in your life, rather than trying to bargain with Him?

Do you believe that God has a purpose for your life, even if your dreams don't come true? Why or why not?

What step of obedience can you take this week to remain faithful to God, despite a broken heart or a dream you have to let go of?

Moving forward in a healthy way involves leaning in, looking up, and reaching out. Which of those do you need to do?

*Pray: "God, I offer you my dreams and plans. Do to me whatever seems good to You. I acknowledge Your right to rule my life. May Your will be done in me."*