

“Next Steps” are ideas and opportunities to help you go deeper in your faith. They are different each week and linked to Sunday’s message. Below you’ll find scriptures to read, questions for reflection, practices to try and opportunities to take action, all to help you become more like Jesus in your relationships with God, the Church, and the world.

Holy Moments – Surrender  
December 8, 2024

When have you struggled to surrender something to God? Why was it hard and what was the outcome?

How is God calling you to surrender today?

What did it mean that Mary came from Nazareth?

- What is the “Nazareth” that holds you back?
- What problems and limitations of your past (and present) do you need to let go of so you can move forward?

How do you think Mary felt when the angel said, *Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you?*

- How would you feel if an angel said that to you?
- Why do we have a hard time seeing ourselves as “highly favored”?
- What does it mean for us to surrender to God’s love?

God called Mary to bring forth the Savior of the world.

- When has God used you to help “save” others?
- What do you need to surrender today to make God’s plan of salvation possible?

After the angel’s visit, Mary hurried off to see Elizabeth.

- Why might Mary have needed or wanted to see Elizabeth at that moment? \\
- How did that meeting turn into another holy moment of surrender for Mary?
- Who might be able to help affirm God’s call in your life? How can you *hurry* to see them this Christmas Season?

Who might need you to be the affirmation of God’s call in their life? Be open to the power of the Holy Spirit moving in both you and others in this Holy Season.