



December 8th, 2019
God's **STORY** is greater
than our assumptions

A
Christmas
STORY
...it's still being written

Assuming we know the **whole** story often causes us to miss what's really happening.

It's easier to wait for something when we're given the _____.

Looking at our _____ we assume we know the answer or the outcome.

When there's a gap between what Mary's **experiencing** and what God's telling her, she chooses to fill it with _____.

Christmas is a great time to be _____ of all the ways God wants to act in our lives.

GROWth Journaling Scriptures

for more information on journaling visit thesanctuarychurch.com/growth

Luke 1:11-13, 18, 34-38 / Hebrews 11:1 / Colossians 2:7

Proverbs 3:5-6 / Psalm 121 / Psalm 37:1-7

Conversations in Community

Use these questions in your Community Groups, GROWith Groups, with your family or your friends to give you practical ways to walk out Pastor Marty's message.)

Based on MY personal context—the way I view God...

Have I ever assumed He doesn't like me? isn't interested in me? or won't use me?

- When?
- Where?
- How?

Have I ever assumed God is waiting for me to get something right before He'll act on my behalf?

- What is that something?

Have I doubted that God can be trusted, or that He won't fix the broken places in my life?

This Christmas, how can I begin to fill in the gaps with faith?

What if I choose to believe that despite what I see, nothing is impossible with God?

- What would change?

What if I choose to believe God loves me and He's for me - believing THAT is the context to my life circumstances?

The more I can learn to redirect some of the assumptions about myself, my circumstances, and what God is capable of or willing to do, and I choose to believe the truth, the more I'll be living a better story... because God's story is greater than my assumptions!