



My Life :: Directed and Written by ??? **{Jeff Henderson}**

INTRODUCTION

The story of our life often results in unexpected outcomes. We come across characters and plot developments that we would never have directed or written on our own. Yet the Christmas story reminds us that God wants to write and direct the story of our lives even though He may do so in a way we would never have imagined. But are we willing to surrender the pen into God's hands and allow Him to sit in the director's chair? Can we trust God to write and direct our lives?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. If you could re-write one chapter of your life, which would it be? Do you disagree with the way God is writing the story of your life?
2. When do you prefer to sit in the director's chair and when do you allow God to sit in the director's chair?
3. Read Luke 1:26-38. If you were in Mary's shoes, how would you respond to the angel's announcement? How does this announcement create a plot twist that may have been unexpected for Mary?
4. In Luke 1:38, Mary offers us some advice when we face plot twists in our life stories. Is her response a passive or an active response to her situation?
5. When you trust God to write your story, does it always end up in joy or regret? How do you explain the stories that don't end in joy?
6. What areas of your life do you still need to allow God be the director and writer of the story?

THINK ABOUT IT

The Savior of the world makes his entrance on a cold, lonely night without much fanfare or attention. This Christmas story is written in such an unusual fashion with unexpected twists and turns. But what about your story? Who's going to write the next chapter, then next phase, the conclusion? You or God?

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

This week, reflect on Mary's prayer from Luke 1:38 and make it your own.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

May it be to me according to your word.

Luke 1:38