

Refrigerator Notes 21 December 2014
“When the Holy Spirit Over Comes”
Luke 1 26-38

1. It is a story told of the ‘Immaculate Conception’ to a virgin who was a single mother
2. The birth of a child is the reason for this celestial season
3. It’s about a mother who was overcome by God’s Spirit, who did not see Christmas coming
4. However, none of the above would have occurred, if Mary had not been a good listener and submitted herself to the will of God
5. Not only did she submit herself, but she was an obedient servant as well – ‘Be it done to me according to Your Word’ Mary said
6. The Lord found favor in Mary, but the lesson to be learned is God also can find favor in each one of us
7. If we are willing to listening, be obedient, and remain in God’s Word
8. I posed the question, ‘In the midst of our personal lives, when it comes to hearing God’s word, are we as attentive as Mary was?’
9. One of the hardest skills for humans to master is the art of skillful listening, rather than listening we are quick to become defensive, argumentative, obstructive, and in some cases willing to die to convey a point at the expense of hearing rather than listening
10. I contented that hearing is not the same as listening, because if we are truly paying attention to the Word, we would be more attentive and obedient to the Holy Spirit
11. God wants to get our attention, but the Spirit has to compete with all the other surrounding noises, because we refuse to be still and hear God’s voice
12. Because of our lack of attention to not listening, we often miss the substance of God’s message ‘When the spirit speaks – It also moves’
13. Point two of the message was, if we want to be overcome by the Spirit, we have to allow ourselves to become vulnerable, the significance of being vulnerable is that we are more apt to do God’s will
14. When God calls, we need to have discernment which comes by praying and allowing the Holy Spirit to overcome us – like Mary
15. God does not mind us asking Him to authenticate – God does not want us to Challenge His Word
16. Last but not least, we need to learn to be patience and wait on God to move instead of us trying to move God!
17. We serve a God who can do the impossible – His plans are already in place to bless us with favor, because God never speaks hypothetically