**Affordable Priceless Gift of Encouragement ” Pastor Kevin Snyder**

**Encouragement & Affirmation: Gifts to a God-Bearer Luke 1:26-38**

 **Encouragement**

 **1. the expression of approval and support**

 **2. the act of giving hope or support to someone**

 **3. the feeling of being encouraged**

 **Courage**

 **1. the quality of mind or spirit that enables a person to face difficulty, danger,**

 **pain, etc., without fear: bravery**

 **Affirmation**

 **1. the assertion that something exists or is true.**

 **Affirm**

 **1. to state or assert positively; maintain as true:**

 **Affirmation in the “Everydayness of life”**

*“****Greetings favored one!” – “The Lord is with you!”***

 **It is hard to believe the truth sometimes.**

 **It’s a gift!**

 **God counters Fear with Encouragement.**

 **“Don’t be afraid”**

 **Encouragement calms our fears.**

 **The miracle of being a God-bearer.**

 **We can say, “Yes”**

**We are all God-bearers who need affirmation and encouragement!**