

God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph . . . The virgin's name was Mary.  
**Luke 1:26b-27 NIV**

Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. "Don't be frightened, Mary," the angel told her, "for God has decided to wonderfully bless you!"  
**Luke 1:29-30 TLB**

## God Uses People Who . . .

### 1. Desire to do His will.

Then Mary said, "My soul praises the Lord; my heart rejoices in God my Savior, because he has shown his concern for his humble servant girl."  
**Luke 1:46-48a NCV**

Mary quietly treasured these things in her heart and often thought about them.  
**Luke 2:19 TLB**

### 2. Decide to count the cost.

Mary said, "I am the Lord's servant, and I am willing to do whatever he wants. May everything you said come true."  
**Luke 1:38a TLB**

[Jesus] "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me."  
**Luke 9:23b NLT**

### 3. Dare to trust His promise.

Mary asked the angel, "But how can I have a baby? I am a virgin." The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit shall come upon you, and the power of God shall overshadow you . . . For every promise from God shall surely come true."  
**Luke 1:34-35a, 37 TLB**

[Jesus] "What is impossible with man is possible with God."  
**Luke 18:27b NIV**

[Elizabeth to Mary] "You believed that God would do what he said; that is why he has given you this wonderful blessing."  
**Luke 1:45 TLB**

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