## The Miracle of Christmas Let It Be! Luke 1:38

The great miracle of Christmas is that a virgin conceived, became pregnant with child without ever having sexual relations. That is impossible! It cannot happen! But it did! A young woman heard the word from God and said yes, LET IT BE! In doing so Mary expresses courage, faith and absolute love for God. She loved God with all her heart, with all her soul, and with all her mind as she submitted to His will. Mary believed God; expressing her hope, trust and absolute confidence in the Lord. She shows an incredible character of courage, fearing God more than man. Mary said, "LET IT BE", how about you?

**Luke 1:26** Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, **27** to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. **28** And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored *one*, the Lord *is* with you; blessed *are* you among women!" **29** But when she saw *him*, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was.

NKJV

### **Troubled & Deliberating: who, why, what - me?**

**30** Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. **31** And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. **32** He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. **33** And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." **34** Then Mary said to the angel, "**How can this be**, since I do not know a man?" NKJV

### HOW?

**35** And the angel answered and said to her, "*The* Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. **36** Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. **37** For with God nothing will be impossible."

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For with God nothing is ever impossible *and* no word from God shall be without power *or* impossible of fulfillment.

Luke 1:37 AMP

The Works of God (His Word/Promises fulfilled in us):

By HIS GRACE (unmerited favor, undeserved blessing, a free gift):

1. Justified - Rom.3:24; Reconciled - Rom.5:10; Saved - Eph.2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. Ephesians 2:8-9 NKJV

### 2. Unmerited favor and unconditional acceptance

...To the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

Ephesians 1:6 NKJV

### 3. The empowerment and enabling to every believer

And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may have an abundance for every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:8 NKJV

Mary representing our humanness can only accept, receive the grace of GOD!

# By His Holy Spirit – the Holy Spirit upon you casting the shadow of God's glory and grace over you! Consider Acts 1:8

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

Acts 1:8

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# **38** Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

### Maidservant - female slave (doulos = bond-servant)

And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; and they shall prophesy.

Acts 2:18 NKJV

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you **present your bodies a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service.

Romans 12:1 NKJV

### Let it be to me according to your word!

A statement of courage, faith and love

Courage – The Holy Spirit in me – 2 Timothy 1:6-7 Faith – King Jesus the Author & Finisher – Hebrews 12:2 Love – His gift our response – Romans 5:5; 1 John 4:18-19

#### LET IT BE!

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. John 10:27 NKJV

I say then: Walk in the Spirit... Galatians 5:16 ...Be filled with the Spirit... Ephesians 5:18

He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Revelation 22:20-21 NKJV