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FEAR NOT! GENDER REVEAL?
LUKE I & MATT I



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“THERE ARE THREE STAGES IN ANY
GREAT WORK ATTEMPTED FOR GOD:
IMPOSSIBLE, DIFFICULT, DONE.”
J. HUDSON TAYLOR

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LUKE 1:8 NOW IT HAPPENED THAT WHILE
HE WAS PERFORMING HIS PRIESTLY SERVICE
BEFORE GOD IN THE APPOINTED
ORDER OF HIS DIVISION,

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9 ACCORDING TO THE CUSTOM
OF THE PRIESTLY OFFICE, HE WAS CHOSEN
BY LOT TO ENTER THE TEMPLE OF THE
LORD AND BURN INCENSE.

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10 AND THE WHOLE MULTITUDE OF THE
PEOPLE WERE IN PRAYER OUTSIDE AT
THE HOUR OF THE INCENSE OFFERING.

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11, 12 AND AN ANGEL OF THE LORD
APPEARED TO HIM, STANDING TO THE
RIGHT OF THE ALTAR OF INCENSE.
ZACHARIAS WAS TROUBLED WHEN HE SAW
THE ANGEL, AND FEAR GRIPPED HIM.

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13 BUT THE ANGEL SAID TO HIM, “DO NOT BE AFRAID, ZACHARIAS, FOR YOUR PETITION HAS BEEN HEARD, AND YOUR WIFE ELIZABETH WILL BEAR YOU A SON, AND YOU WILL GIVE HIM THE NAME JOHN.

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FEAR NOT! TRUST ME ZECHARIAH

BELIEVE IN – BELIEVE

HAPPY HOME – LONG MARRIAGE

HAPPY FAITH – JOY TO SERVE

HAPPY LIFE – GOOD MAN

HAPPY JOB – CHOSEN AS PRIEST

HAPPY TO OBEY – NAMED BABY 'JOHN'

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“A PERFECT FAITH WOULD LIFT US
ABSOLUTELY ABOVE FEAR.”
GEORGE MACDONALD

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26 NOW IN THE SIXTH MONTH THE ANGEL
GABRIEL WAS SENT FROM GOD TO A CITY
IN GALILEE CALLED NAZARETH,

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27 TO A VIRGIN ENGAGED TO A MAN
WHOSE NAME WAS JOSEPH, OF THE
DESCENDANTS OF DAVID; AND THE
VIRGIN'S NAME WAS MARY.

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28,29 AND COMING IN, HE SAID TO HER,
“GREETINGS, FAVORED ONE! THE LORD IS
WITH YOU.” BUT SHE WAS VERY PERPLEXED
AT THIS STATEMENT,
AND KEPT PONDERING WHAT KIND OF
SALUTATION THIS WAS.

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30 THE ANGEL SAID TO HER, "DO NOT BE AFRAID, MARY; FOR YOU HAVE FOUND FAVOR WITH GOD.

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FEAR NOT! POSSIBLE FOR ME MARY

“HOW CAN THIS BE?” (VS 34)

HUMANLY IMPOSSIBLE

HUMANLY IMPROBABLE

HUMANLY IMPRACTICAL

“FOR NOTHING WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD.” LK 1:37

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18 NOW THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST WAS AS FOLLOWS: WHEN HIS MOTHER MARY HAD BEEN BETROTHED TO JOSEPH, BEFORE THEY CAME TOGETHER SHE WAS FOUND TO BE WITH CHILD BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

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19 AND JOSEPH HER HUSBAND,
BEING A RIGHTEOUS MAN AND NOT
WANTING TO DISGRACE HER, PLANNED
TO SEND HER AWAY SECRETLY.

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20 BUT WHEN HE HAD CONSIDERED THIS,
BEHOLD, AN ANGEL OF THE LORD
APPEARED TO HIM IN A DREAM, SAYING,
“JOSEPH, SON OF DAVID, DO NOT BE
AFRAID TO TAKE MARY AS YOUR WIFE; FOR
THE CHILD WHO HAS BEEN CONCEIVED IN
HER IS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

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21 SHE WILL BEAR A SON;
AND YOU SHALL CALL HIS NAME JESUS,
FOR HE WILL SAVE HIS PEOPLE
FROM THEIR SINS.”

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22 NOW ALL THIS TOOK PLACE TO FULFILL
WHAT WAS SPOKEN BY THE LORD
THROUGH THE PROPHET:

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23 “BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL,” WHICH TRANSLATED MEANS, “GOD WITH US.”

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24,25 AND JOSEPH AWOKE FROM HIS SLEEP
AND DID AS THE ANGEL OF THE LORD
COMMANDED HIM, AND TOOK MARY
AS HIS WIFE, BUT KEPT HER A VIRGIN UNTIL
SHE GAVE BIRTH TO A SON;
AND HE CALLED HIS NAME JESUS.

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FEAR NOT! NO SHAME IN ME JOSEPH

WHAT DO YOU FEAR? WHOM DO YOU FEAR?

GOOD REASONS – FEAR FOR HER & CHILD

GOOD CHARACTER

‘RIGHTEOUS’ – COMPASSIONATE – OBEDIENT

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“FAITH IS THE REFUSAL TO PANIC.”

D.MARTYN LLOYD-JONES

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“THE ONLY KNOWN ANTIDOTE
TO FEAR IS FAITH.”
WOODROW KROLL

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HOW JESUS CAME TO US
IS PART OF THE GIFT!

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LOOKING AT EXPECTATIONS – ZECHARIAH
LOOKING AT IMPOSSIBILITIES – MARY
LOOKING AT PERCEPTIONS – JOSEPH
LOOKING ONLY TO JESUS!