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## Unlikely Choice – Mary

Luke 1:26-38 (NIV)

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, 'Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.'

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.'

'How will this be,' Mary asked the angel, 'since I am a virgin?'

The angel answered, 'The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail.'

'I am the Lord's servant,' Mary answered. 'May your word to me be fulfilled.' Then the angel left her.

### **1. The Choices of God can be troubling to our human understanding.**

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### **2. Surrendering our plans to God always leads to something ultimately eternally greater than our original plan and expectation.**

Luke 1:30 (NIV)

But the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God.'

### **3. God's choices and way leads to miracles.**

Luke 1:31-33 (NIV)

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Isaiah 55:8-9 (NIV)

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," declares the LORD. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts."

Proverbs 16:9 (NIV)

"The mind of man plans His way, But the Lord directs his steps"

**And as he directs your steps you hold on to the promise that**

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

verse 34.

"Mary asked the "But How can this happen? I am a virgin" NLT

Verse 37.

"Nothing is impossible with God!"

Luke 1:38 (NLT)

Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true."