

Luke 1:26-38 In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, 27 to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." 29 Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. 30 But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. 31 You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. 32 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, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end." 34 "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" 35 The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon 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. 36 Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. 37 For nothing is impossible with God." 38 "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her. NIV

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2. *"Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God."*
 - You are God's **chosen** instrument
Acts 9:15 But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel. NIV
 - What is God asking of you?
 - You too have His favor.

Ps 30:5 for his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; Weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning NIV
3. *"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"*
4. *"The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you."*
 - The work of the Holy Spirit
John 14:26-27 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. NIV
5. *For nothing is impossible with God."*
 - We live by faith and not by sight.
2 Cor 5:7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight :) KJV
 - Fix our eyes on what is unseen... it is eternal.
2 Cor 4:18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. NIV

Matt 19:26 Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." NIV
6. *"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said."*
 - A faith statement that has affected the whole of mankind!
 - Take the leap of faith