

Luke 1:26-38



In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary.

— Luke 1:26-27





God Delights In Using The Humble

Mary was an unmarried teenage girl and Nazareth was a nowhere town, yet God chose them to change the world.

But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

— James 4:6

Have you humbled yourself before the Lord?

And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be.

— Luke 1:28-29



And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

— Luke 1:30–33





God Calls Us To Obedience

We are not called to carry the Son of God for nine months but we are called to carry his name with our whole lives. No matter what may come.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

— Matthew 5:10-12

Are you willing to follow no matter what?

And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing is impossible with God."



We Walk By Faith

Mary did not doubt that God would do what he said. She just wanted to know how he would do it.

For we walk by faith, not by sight.

-2 Corinthians 5:7

What are you doing in your life right now that requires faith?

And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

— Luke 1:38





We Are Unworthy Servants

Mary just wanted to obey the Lord. This should be the desire of all who have been shown grace.

So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, "We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty."

— Luke 17:10

Are you part of this to serve or to be served?



Mary's Example

Mary gives us a great example of the Christian life. We should not worship her, but we can follow her as she followed Christ (1 Corinthians 11:1).

- Mary was humble
- Mary received grace and the Lord was with her
- Mary searched the deep things of God
- Mary was called to do big things no matter the cost
- Mary responded in faith
- Mary obeyed