

# Mary's Song of Love

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## The First Christmas Songs

*Three steps of Mary's Journey that took  
her from anxiety to adoration*



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<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth,

<sup>27</sup> to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary.

<sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!"

<sup>29</sup> But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be.

<sup>30</sup> And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.



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<sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.

<sup>32</sup> 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,

<sup>33</sup> and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

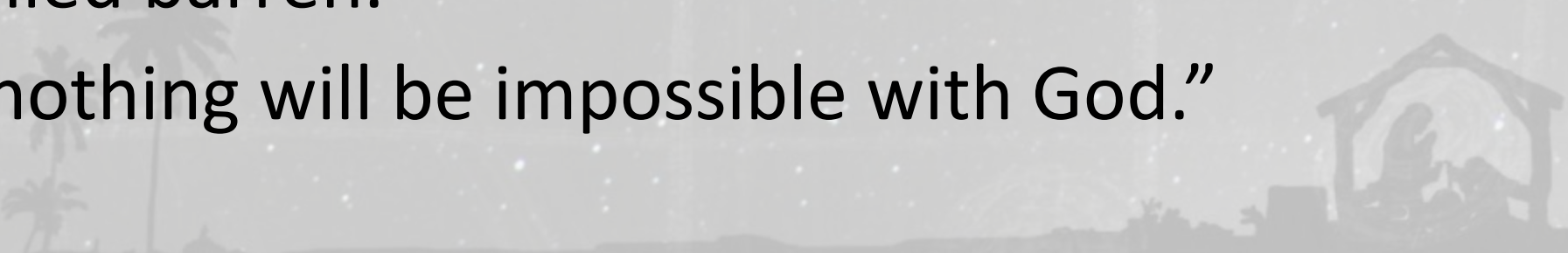
<sup>34</sup> And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

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<sup>35</sup> 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.

<sup>36</sup> 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.

<sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God.”





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<sup>38</sup> 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.

<sup>39</sup> In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah,

<sup>40</sup> and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

<sup>41</sup> And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit,

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<sup>42</sup> and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!

<sup>43</sup> And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

<sup>44</sup> For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.

<sup>45</sup> And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord,



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<sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup> for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

<sup>49</sup> for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup> And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;

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<sup>52</sup> he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate;

<sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.

<sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

<sup>55</sup> as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

<sup>56</sup> And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.



# 1. Mary's journey into the unknown started with some anxiety. (v. 26-34)

- Mary's plan for her life wasn't God's plan for her life; and God's plan was kind of a doozy.
- If you are anxious about something, you don't stand alone. Just don't keep standing there.



2. Mary moved from anxiety to acceptance not because she completely understood God's plan but because she trusted and submitted to God's sovereignty. (v. 35-38)

- Mary had no idea what all God's plan included or how it would all work out.
- When we are sure of God's sovereignty and allow the Holy Spirit to fill and cover us, then we are ready for anything God has in store for us.
- Acceptance is the first step in saving, sanctifying, and God-honoring faith.



3. Mary moved from acceptance to adoration as she, in faith, experienced God confirming and fulfilling His promises and because she received encouragement from others. (v. 39-56)

- Mere acceptance of God's plan isn't the ultimate goal; love of God is.
- God didn't let Mary stay in confusion and uncertainty but moved her to adoration by confirming His promises.
- The encouragement of others strengthened Mary's faith and helped move her from acceptance to adoration.
- All of this led to Mary's song of adoration. What will your song be this Christmas?