



*Mary, God's Favor, and
the Impossible*

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The Annunciation

Henry Ossawa Tanner, Philadelphia Museum of Art



Mary Walks in God's Favor

Luke 1:28 The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.”

Luke 1:30 But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary. You have found favor with God.”





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I'm calling on the Supreme Leader of North Korea or as I call him "Kim", to do me a solid and cut Kenneth Bae loose.

10:41 AM · May 7, 2013



weeting about this



Divine Favor

“Favor is the peculiar signature of God on your life that releases an influence upon you so that others are inclined to like you or cooperate with you, so you can carry and fulfil God’s purposes.” [Lance Wallnau, *The Force of Favor*, 2008, CD #1, adapted]

Favor & the Impossible

When favor is operating, it makes the impossible seem entirely possible.



Gabriel's Famous Declaration in Luke 1:37

“For nothing is impossible with God!” [NIV86, NAS, NRSV, NLT96, etc:]

But in the updated NIV, it reads differently: “For no word from God will ever fail.” [TNIV]

Psalm 90:17 THE PASSION TRANSLATION

O Lord our God, let your sweet beauty rest upon us and give us favor. Come work with us, and then our works will endure, and give us success in all we do.



The Presence of the Lord

There is a deep, deep well of the presence of God in this place...and the Lord's mere presence is sufficient to change everything!



No Word of God Will Ever Fail

In the face of the Enemy's strategy to take us out, adopting Mary's response may just keep us in the game and in the thick of what God's doing: "I am the Lord's... May it be done to me according to your word."

[Luke 1:38, HOLMAN CHRISTIAN STANDARD BIBLE, adapted]



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