



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO  
CHRISTMAS

# Mary's Story: Living a Christmas Life

Luke 1:26-38



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# LUKE 1

<sup>26</sup> IN THE SIXTH MONTH, GOD SENT THE ANGEL GABRIEL TO NAZARETH, A TOWN IN GALILEE,

<sup>27</sup> TO A VIRGIN PLEDGED TO BE MARRIED TO A MAN NAMED JOSEPH, A DESCENDANT OF DAVID. THE VIRGIN'S NAME WAS MARY.

<sup>28</sup> THE ANGEL WENT TO HER AND SAID, "GREETINGS, YOU WHO ARE HIGHLY FAVORED! THE LORD IS WITH YOU."

<sup>29</sup> MARY WAS GREATLY TROUBLED AT HIS WORDS AND WONDERED WHAT KIND OF GREETING THIS MIGHT BE.



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<sup>30</sup> BUT THE ANGEL SAID TO HER, “DO NOT BE AFRAID, MARY, YOU HAVE FOUND FAVOR WITH GOD.”

<sup>31</sup> “YOU WILL BE WITH CHILD AND GIVE BIRTH TO A SON, AND YOU ARE TO GIVE HIM THE NAME JESUS.

<sup>32</sup> 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,

<sup>33</sup> AND HE WILL REIGN OVER THE HOUSE OF JACOB FOREVER; HIS KINGDOM WILL NEVER END.”



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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.



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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.



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# 1. God calls us to a life of courage.

LUKE 1:29

MARY WAS GREATLY TROUBLED AT HIS WORDS AND  
WONDERED WHAT KIND OF GREETING THIS MIGHT BE.



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# WHAT'S THERE TO BE AFRAID OF?

EMBARRASSMENT

BEING HURT

HUMILIATION

BEING POOR

BEING TALKED ABOUT

REJECTION

BEHIND YOU BACK

FAILURE

CRITICISM

OPPOSITION

MOCKED

PERSECUTION

MISSING OUT



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# LUKE 1:30

BUT THE ANGEL SAID TO HER, “DO NOT BE AFRAID, MARY,  
YOU HAVE FOUND FAVOR WITH GOD...”



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2. GOD CALLS YOU TO A LIFE OF  
FAITH.



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# LUKE 1:37

“FOR NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD.”



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MARK 10:27

“ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE WITH GOD.”

MARK 9:23

“EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE FOR HIM WHO BELIEVES.”

LUKE 1:38

“MAY IT BE TO ME AS YOU HAVE SAID.”



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# LUKE 1:31-33

“YOU WILL BE WITH CHILD AND GIVE BIRTH TO A SON,  
AND YOU ARE TO GIVE HIM THE NAME JESUS.

HE WILL BE GREAT AND WILL BE CALLED THE SON OF THE  
MOST HIGH. THE LORD GOD WILL GIVE HIM THE THRONE  
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AND HE WILL REIGN OVER THE HOUSE OF JACOB FOREVER;  
HIS KINGDOM WILL NEVER END.”



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# MATTHEW 9:29

“ACCORDING TO YOUR FAITH, IT WILL BE DONE FOR YOU.”



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# *Faith*

*is taking the first step  
even when  
you can't see the  
whole staircase.*



*- Martin Luther King*

# LUKE 1:38

“I AM THE LORD’S SERVANT,” MARY ANSWERED. “MAY IT BE TO ME AS YOU HAVE SAID.”



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# ISAIAH 64:8

BUT NOW, O LORD, YOU ARE OUR FATHER; WE ARE THE  
CLAY, AND YOU ARE OUR POTTER; WE ARE ALL THE WORK  
OF YOUR HAND.



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3. God calls you to a life of  
surrender.



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# Living the Christmas life...

- An attitude of courage.
- An attitude of faith.
- An attitude of surrender.



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*"From the day that I got the poor of London  
on my heart and caught a vision  
of what Jesus could do with them,  
I made up my mind that God should  
have all of William Booth there was."*



*William Booth*

# So What

- Where are you challenged when it comes to courage?
- Do you view faith primarily as an attitude or an action?
- Are you willing to lay your plans down to embrace God's?





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