

Mary and Me – how following Mary's example can lead to a life of purpose

Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

²⁸The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

²⁹Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. ³¹You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. ³²He 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, ³³and 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?"

³⁵The 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. ³⁶Even 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. ³⁷For 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.

The Journey to a Life of Purpose

1. **Mary** reminds us that _____ always positions us for God's best.

Me: _____ and _____ both possess the power to take me further than I ever dreamed possible.

2. **Mary** reminds us what it means to be _____.

Me: The question is not whether I will be chosen, but whether I will be _____ to God's call on my life.

Titus 2:11

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.

3. **Mary** had to decide whether she would play on God's _____ or hers.

Me: Until I _____ to my dream, God can't _____ his.

4. **Mary** reminds us that significance is always _____.

Me: I will never do anything in life more significant than delivering _____ to the world.

5. **Mary** reminds us of the enormity of God's _____ for our lives.

Me: My dreams aren't necessarily bad, they're just too _____.

Ephesians 3:20

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,

6. **Mary's** life reveals the mystery of the _____.

Me: The issue is not whether I have all of the _____, but whether the Holy Spirit has all of _____.

Being filled: to be overcome by a power greater than yourself.
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"Be it unto me according to your word" unlocks the impossible doors in your life.

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Week 2: Purpose