

Mary Did You Know? | Courageous Christmas, Pt. 1

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In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!" **Confused and disturbed**, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. [Luke 1:26-29 \(NLT\)](#)

3 Things We Can Learn From Mary

1. What we call disturbing interruptions are often God's divine .

"Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found **favor with God!**" [Luke 1:30 \(NLT\)](#)

• **Favor is the underserved blessings God lavishly pours out on his children**

"You will conceive and give birth to a son, and **you will name him Jesus.**" [Luke 1:31 \(NLT\)](#)

"He will be very great and will be **called the Son of the Most High**. The Lord will give him the throne of his ancestor David. And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!" [Luke 1:32,33 \(NLT\)](#)

2. Sometimes God's favor doesn't seem favorable ... at .

Mary asked the angel, "But how can this happen? I am a virgin." [Luke 1:34 \(NLT\)](#)

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. **For nothing is impossible with God.**" [Luke 1:35,37 \(NIV\)](#)

3. The outcome is God's responsibility – **is ours.**

Mary responded, "**I am the Lord's servant.** May everything you have said about me come true." [Luke 1:38 \(NLT\)](#)

For your own notes:

Daily Bible Readings

Monday—Matthew 17//**Tuesday**—[Matthew 18:1-20](#)

Wednesday—[Matthew 18:21-35](#)//**Thursday**—[Matthew 19:1-15](#)

Friday—[Matthew 19:16-30](#)//**Saturday**—[Matthew 20:1-16](#)

Sunday—[Matthew 20:17-34](#)

Join us online or in-person next weekend for:

COURAGEOUS CHRISTMAS, Part 2

Weekend Service Times:

Saturday **6:15 p.m.**

Sunday **10:30 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.**