CHRISTMAS 2024...It Can Change Your Life

"Mary's Question: 'Do You Really Want To Know God's Will?'" – Part 1
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MARY'S QUESTION

"In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, 'Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you!' Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be." Luke 1:26-29 (NIV)

"But the angel said to her, '<u>Do not be afraid</u>, Mary; you have <u>found favor</u> with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. 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, and he will reign over the Jacob's descendants forever; his <u>kingdom will never end!</u>" Luke 1:30-33 (NIV)

"'How will this be,' Mary asked the angel, 'since I am a virgin?' The angel answered, 'The Holy Spirit will come on 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! Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age and she who is said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For NO WORD FROM GOD WILL EVER FAIL." Luke 1:34-37 (NIV)

"Mary responded, 'I am the <u>Lord's servant</u>, and <u>I am WILLING TO ACCEPT</u> whatever he wants. May everything you have said come true!' And then the angel left." **Luke 1:38 (NLT 96)**

WHY GOD'S PLAN FOR ME IS BEST

Mary's Song: Luke 1:46-55

1. BECAUSE GOD MADE ME FOR HIS
Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." Luke 1:46-47 (NIV)
"Know that the Lord is God. He made us, and we belong to him; we are his people" Psalm 100:3 (NCV)
2. BECAUSE NO ONE FOR ME MORE THAN GOD.
"For he <u>has been mindful</u> of the <u>humble state</u> of his servant." Luke 1:48a (NIV)
3. BECAUSE ACCEPTING GOD'S PLAN IS THE KEY TO
"from now on, all generations will call me <u>blessed!</u> For the Mighty One is holy, and he has done great things for me. He (God) shows mercy from generation to generation to all who fear him." Luke 1:48b-50 (NLT)
4. BECAUSE GOD HONORS
"He has done mighty deeds by his power. He has scattered the people who are proud and think great things about themselves. He has brought down rulers from their thrones and raised up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away with nothing." Luke 1:51-53 (NCV)
5. BECAUSE GOD KEEPS HIS
"He has <u>kept the promise</u> he made to our ancestors, and has come to the help of his servant Israel. He <u>has remembered</u> to show mercy to Abraham and to all his descendants forever!" Luke 1:54-55 (GN)