

## **Experiencing Joy When Life Is Confusing**

*Experiencing Joy This Christmas*

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*"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"*

**Luke 1:34**

*Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. **Matthew 1:19***

**Main Idea:** Experiencing joy when life is confusing requires knowing God is always in control and He makes possible what seems to be impossible.

### **I. Remember God Is Never Confused And Always Has A Plan**

*In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, 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."  
**Luke 1:26-28***

## **II. Embrace Your Humanity**

*Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. **Luke 1:29***

### **III. Believe God Can Do The Impossible**

*But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God.<sup>31</sup> You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him 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 Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."<sup>34</sup> "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"<sup>35</sup> 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.<sup>36</sup> Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month.<sup>37</sup> For no word from God will ever fail."  
**Luke 1:30-37***

### **IV. Follow His Will And Trust His Sovereignty**

*"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her. **Luke 1:38***