

Mary's Example

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✓ God did not save you just so you could go to heaven. God's plan is to use you to reveal Christ to the world.

✓ Ephesians 3:8-11 God's wisdom to be know through the church to principalities and powers

1. Luke 1:26-38 God used Mary to reveal Jesus to the world.
 - a. In the 6th month- Gods plan starts long Before you had a clue or were clued in.
 - b. Mary was chosen - you are chosen Eph. 1:4 / John 15:16 :
 - c. Settle into the fact that God has chosen you for a purpose Ephesians 2:10
 - d. Mary was highly favored and blessed favor
 - i. Blessed with all spiritual blessings Ephesians 1:3
 - ii. This does not automatically mean no problems
 - e. Mary was troubled - agitated (to move back and forth), distressed
 - i. The call of God on your life can be initially disconcerting. Scary
 - ii. What sounds like a blessing caused fear
 - iii. She thought it over (this is the point many Christians fail.)
 - iv. Learn to trust - Mary did not have a clue as to what life would be like after this. No matter what you think God might be doing - it usually doesn't work out that way.
 - f. Mary questioned the means of the prophecy - how can this be naturally? (Zechariah questioned the word Luke 1:18; Luke 1:20. Mary questioned the means--don't question the word.)
 - g. The Word of God and the Spirit of God are both needed for us to present Christ to the world through our lives. Zechariah 4:6 (By My spirit says the Lord.)
 - h. Mary was encouraged by hearing the testimony of another miracle - Elizabeth.
 - i. Mary accepted the word and yielded to it. "Be it unto me according to your word."
 - j. Mary told another person who was pregnant by Gods word. Be careful who you tell, they will steal the word and your faith.