

How God Blesses the Unlikely Christmas Blessings – Part 2

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1 Corinthians 1:26 (ESV) For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.

1 Corinthians 1:27 (ESV) But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;

Judges 6:11 (ESV) Now the angel of the LORD came ... while ... Gideon was beating out wheat in the winepress to hide it from the Midianites.

Judges 6:12 (ESV) And the angel of the LORD appeared to him and said to him, "The LORD is with you, O mighty man of valor."

Judges 6:14 (ESV) And the LORD turned to him and said, "Go in this might of yours and save Israel from the hand of Midian; do not I send you?"

1. God _____ you for His plan

Luke 1:26-27 (ESV) In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary.

Luke 1:28 (ESV) And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!"

Luke 1:29 (ESV) But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be.

2. You must overcome your _____

Luke 1:30 (ESV) And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

Luke 1:31 (ESV) And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.

Luke 1:32-33 (ESV) He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

3. Choose to live as God's _____

Luke 1:34-35 (ESV) And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.

Luke 1:36-37 (ESV) And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God."

Luke 1:38 (ESV) And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Weekly Healing Scripture

John 11:43-44 (ESV) When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

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Intro. Why do you think that the majority of believers are not those who are great by worldly standards (1 Corinthians 1:26-27)?

What did Gideon think of himself and his situation (Judges 6:11, 15)?

What was God's plan and purpose for Gideon (Judges 12, 14)?

1A. What do you think was Mary's plan for her future (Luke 1:26-27)?

1B. What does Gabriel's greeting tell us about God's plan for Mary (Luke 1:28)?

1C. Why do you think Mary was troubled by the angel's greeting (Luke 1:29)?

1D. How has God prepared you to carry out His plan for your life?

2A. How could the favor of God take away Mary's fear (Luke 1:30)?

2B. What do you think Mary thought initially about God's plan (Luke 1:31)?

2C. How did the angel's continued description of Jesus change Mary's understanding of the plan (Luke 1:32-33)?

2D. Why is it that God's plans always seem impossible to us?

3A. How does the angel explain who her son would be (Luke 1:34-35)?

3B. How did the miracle of Elizabeth's son help Mary's faith (Luke 1:36-37)?

3C. What does Mary's final answer to the angel tell us about her faith (Luke 1:38)?

3D. How can the concept of being a servant of the Lord help you in following God's plan for your life?