

HOW TO HAVE A MARY NEW YEAR

Fresh Start—Part 1

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Text: Luke 1:26-38

“God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph.... The virgin’s name was Mary.” Luke 1:26-27 (NIV) pg. 714

“Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. ‘Don’t be frightened, Mary,’ the angel told her, ‘for God has decided to wonderfully bless you!’” Luke 1:29-30 (LB) pg. 714

TO BE USED BY GOD...

1. We must be open to doing God’s will.

“Mary responded, ‘My soul praises the Lord, my heart rejoices in God my Savior, because He has shown His concern for His humble servant girl.’” Luke 1:46-48 (NCV) pg. 715

Two Attitudes We Must Possess To Be Used By God

a. Enthusiasm

“My soul praises the Lord, my heart rejoices in God my Savior.” vs. 46-47

b. Humility

“My heart rejoices...because He has shown His concern for His humble servant girl.” vs. 47-48

2. We must decide to pay the price.

“I am the Lord’s servant, and I am willing to do whatever He wants.” Luke 1:38 (LB) pg. 715

“No one can be my disciple who does not carry his own cross and follow me. But don’t begin until you count the cost.” Luke 14:27-28 (LB) pg. 729

3. We must be a person of faith.

“Mary asked the angel, ‘But how can I have a baby? I am a virgin.’ The angel replied, ‘The Holy Spirit shall come upon you, and the power of God shall overshadow you...for every promise from God shall surely come true.’” Luke 1:34-35, 37 (LB) pg. 715

“What is impossible with men is possible with God.” Luke 18:27 (NIV) pg. 732

“You believed that God would do what He said: That is why He has given you this wonderful blessing.” Luke 1:45 (LB) pg. 715