

GOD CAN USE YOU TOO!

Stop Running Scared
Part 6

Luke 1:26-55

"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." vs. 26-27

MARY'S INITIAL REACTION:

"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!'" vs. 29-30

POSSIBLE FEARS:

- Fear of criticism - "What will everyone think?"
- Fear of the supernatural - "What will happen to me?"
- Fear of inadequacy - "How can I handle this?"
- Fear of change - "How will this change my life?"

HOW GOD CAN USE YOU IN SPITE OF YOUR FEARS

1. _____ an awareness of God's presence.

"The angel came to Mary and said, 'Peace be with you! The Lord is with you and has greatly blessed you!'" vs. 28

"Don't be afraid, Mary; God loves you dearly!" vs. 30

Mary's Response:

"Mary quietly treasured these things in her heart and often thought about them." Luke 2:19

2. _____ myself to God's plan.

God's Plan: vs. 31-33

Mary's Response:

"Mary said, 'I am the Lord's servant. I am willing to do whatever He wants. May everything you said come true.'" vs. 38

3. _____ in God's power.

"Mary said to the angel, 'I am a virgin. How can this be?' The angel answered, 'The Holy Spirit will come on you, and God's power will rest on you . . . For there is nothing God cannot do!'" vs. 34-35, 37

Mary's Response:

"Then Mary said, 'My heart is overflowing with praise of my Lord . . . The One who can do all things has done great things for me . . .'" vs. 46-47, 49

4. _____ on God's promises.

"God kept His promise He made to our ancestors, and came to the help of His servant Israel." vs. 54

Mary's Response:

(Elizabeth to Mary) "You believed that God would do what He said; that is why He has given you this wonderful blessing." vs. 45

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HOW TO FACE YOUR FUTURE

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