

# YOU HAVE FOUND FAVOR IN GOD

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Luke 1:26-38

# The Virgin Birth



- **Virgin Birth** is one of the cornerstones of our faith. (Isa. 7:14) Our entire message of salvation is based on the truth that **only Jesus can save** because He is both God and Man. (**Immanuel**—God with us, John 1:12-14)
- Both Joseph and Mary received **the same message** separately (Matt. 1:20-23; Luke 1:30-35)
- (v.35) “overshadowed” This is the work of God (Phil. 2:6-9)
- However, I want to go a different direction today...

# As God Relates to Mary

- I want to focus on the **relationship** between God and Mary (and Joseph too). It is important to see how God **relates** to them and how they **respond** to God.
- (v.28) **Greetings**—cheer, glad, happy, similar to “glad tidings” we say at Christmas (bringing good news)
- **Favoured**—the root word here is *grace*. A favour is a blessing from God that we do not deserve. (Eph. 1:6)
- God wanted Mary and Joseph to rejoice and understand that they were chosen to be blessed by God.

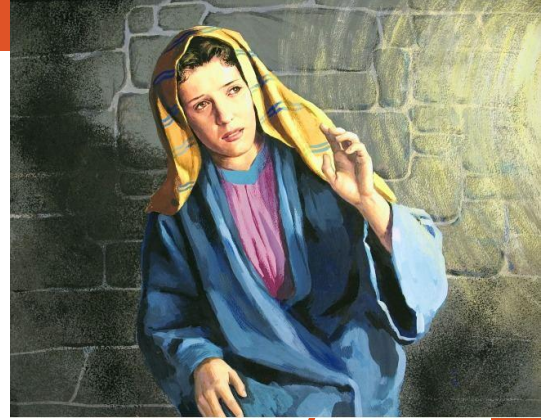


# God Has Faith in Joseph and Mary

- No doubt this baby is very **special** (v.31-33)
- But why would God entrust His own son to two ordinary people? (Theologically, yea; but emotionally...)
- These people had no position, no money, no special abilities...yet God has entrusted His son to them! (Eph. 1:3-4)
- To a smaller extent He is still doing the same thing today (i.e. our children, the kingdom of God ) (1 Tim. 1:11-16)



# Mary Has Faith in God



- They may have no special abilities or power, but do have faith in God. (v.38, 46-47)
- Note: God entrusts in those who have faith in Him
- (v.37) Do we actually believe in God and His ability? Since our faith should be in what God can do, not what we can do.
- Do we actually believe that all things are possible with God? (Num. 11:23; Luke 18:27) This opens up the whole world before us to glorify Him.

# Respond: I Am the Servant of the Lord



- (v.38) Are you willing to say that? Are you truly willing to be a servant of the Lord? In complete **obedience**?
- The word here is actually **female slave** (handmaid). Are you willing to humble yourself before God with no agenda? And completely surrender yourself to God's plan?
- (v.38) "according to your word" Do you know God's word? Otherwise how do you know God's plan?