

The Wonder Of Christmas

Part Two: Mary's Heart Beat

Luke 1:26-38

Truth #1 - Being Highly Favored

Mary was "highly favored," which means she was approved of God for the call He had laid before her. She had not been chosen for this task because she possessed a particular piety or holiness of life that merited this privilege. The text suggests no special worthiness on Mary's part.

The sense here, is that one should consider themselves highly favored for God to use them in His kingdom's service. It is a tremendous honor for God to use any of us for His sake.

Truth #2 - The Lord Was With Her

The Lord was with her: God's presence was with Mary.

When God was about to give Gideon his call to go and deliver the Israelites from the Midianites, the angel of the Lord says, "The Lord is with you." (Judges 6:12)

In our call to the Great Commission, Jesus says,

“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

19 “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Nothing God has called us to do, should lead us to despair, to question our ability to perform in any service to Him. If we are in proper fellowship with Jesus, walking according to His will and seeking to build His kingdom, He will be with us in preparation and the exercising of our talents and Spiritual gifts.

Truth #3 - The Holy Spirit: Power Of The Most High

The work going on in her was not from natural origins, but from God the Father through the power of the Holy Spirit. It was non of her doing, simply, her body surrendered to the work of the Holy Spirit of Christ.