

# A Woven Story: Mary

## The Faithful Virgin Mother

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In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you."

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favour with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; His kingdom will never end." "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

Luke 1:26-34

Mary had a childlike faith that trusted God for the gap.

"Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfil His promises to her!" And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for He has been mindful of the humble state of His servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me - holy is His name." Luke 1:45-49

Mary had a wise faith that saw God's purpose instead of a crisis.

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen Him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. Luke 2:16-19

Mary had a lifelong faith that was built on reflection.

## REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What are key moments or Scriptures from the last year to treasure up and ponder in the future?
2. What is an issue or area in your life where you need to trust God for the gap?