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***Mary was….***

**1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to serve (v.26-28, 30-33)**

God also has a **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** calling for you. God has unique callings for every one of His children.

God is **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and He knows how exactly He wants to use me and how exactly He wants to use you! **(John 15:16**; **Jeremiah 1:5)**

God chose and called Mary not based on what she had done, but rather based on what He could do **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** her! **(Eph 1:5-6)**

It doesn’t matter where we come **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, how **\_\_\_\_\_** we are or what we’ve **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, once we belong to Him, God can and will use us to accomplish His **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**!

Whatever God may call us to do – we can have the assurance that we are never going have to do it **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**! God is with us! **(Heb 13:5)**

Mary is the virgin spoke of in Isaiah, hundreds of years before.

Please don’t miss the significance of this! The virgin birth of Jesus is **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to our salvation! **(Isaiah 7:14)**

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**2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about serving (v.29,34)**

While Mary just heard the most assuring promise you can hear in **v.29** that God is with her, she demonstrated that she indeed was **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** just like you and me!

Have you ever **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** trying to figure out why God was calling you to serve Him in a particular way or ministry? If so, you are not alone! This is exactly what Mary was feeling!

Mary did not have all the answers – she had **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** just as you and I often do in our relationship with God.



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**3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to have faith! (v.30, 35-37)**

We never have to **\_\_\_\_\_** anything when God is with us! **(Isaiah 41:10)**

The word for “***overshadow***” **(v.35)** carries the sense of the holy, powerful **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** of God, as in the description of the cloud that covered the tabernacle when the tent was filled with the glory of God. **(Exodus 40:34-35)**.
The word is also used in all 3 accounts of the Transfiguration to describe the overshadowing of the cloud identifying Jesus as God’s Son. **(Luke 9:34-35)**

A benefit of Christian **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** is having others who can relate to our circumstances like Mary and Elizabeth. **(v.36)**

Never forget that **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** is impossible for God! **(Ps 135:6, Eph 3:20)**

Gabriel is challenging Mary to trust God – to **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** Who He is and what He can do!

***Mary…***

**4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to God’s call! (v.38)**

We must also be **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to surrender to serve God no matter what He calls us to do!

**(Matthew 26:39**; **Matthew 6:10)**

When we surrender to serve God, our lives will **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** be the same!

There is nothing more exciting than God using you to accomplish His purposes! It will **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** your relationship with Him and **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** your faith in Him!