

## **When God Calls Your Name**

Luke 1:26-38

*God specializes in choosing nobodies to accomplish his plan. Our role is to submit to his plan and trust his power to accomplish it.*

### **Mary has a humble heart (26-30)**

God sent the angel Gabriel to a humble girl in a rural village (26).

Mary is a young teenager, a virgin, who is engaged to be married (27).

Gabriel's greeting emphasizes that Mary is the object of God's grace (28).

Mary is perplexed and ponders the meaning of Gabriel's message (29)

Gabriel calms Mary's fear and reaffirms God's grace (30).

### **Mary has a believing heart (31-37)**

The angel explains that Mary will give birth to a son, Jesus (31).

Jesus will be great, the Son of God, and will reign on David's throne forever (32-33).

Mary does not doubt the message, but she is puzzled as to how it will be accomplished (34).

Gabriel explains that Jesus' birth is the work of God's creative power (35).

Jesus will be holy, the Son of God (35).

Mary's cousin, Elizabeth's pregnancy, is evidence that God can do the impossible (36-37).

### **Mary has a submissive heart (38)**

Mary responds with submission and obedience (38).

*Like Mary, we should cultivate a humble heart, a believing heart, and a submissive heart.*