

MARY – BELIEVING GOD FOR THE IMPOSSIBLE

Luke 1:26 - 38

WHY WAS MARY CHOSEN BY GOD?

- Luke 1:28, favored one.
- Exodus 33:13-16:
 1. **To know the ways of God** so that God might be known.
 2. **To walk in God's ways**
 3. **To be identified by God**, as His child
 4. **To experience life with God**

COMPARE ZACHARIAS AND MARY

1. Mary believed God when it was hard to do so.

- Zacharias:

- 1:14, 1:18 - 20

- Mary:

- 1:34, 1:38

- Does it matter to God?

SOME “FAVORED” ONES IN SCRIPTURE

- Noah – Gen 6:8
- Abraham – Gen 18:3
- Joseph – Gen 39:8
- Moses – Num 11:11
- Gideon – Judges 6:17
- Ruth – Ruth 2:10
- Hannah – 1 Sam 1:18
- Samuel – 1 Sam 2:26
- Daniel – Daniel 1:9
- Jesus – Luke 2:52

2. Mary believed God even when she didn't understand His plan.

- 1:34, How can this be?

1. Luke 1:32, 35 - 2x identity of the Father

2. Luke 1:35, the process of birth

3. Belief in God requires perseverance; in the midst of delays, the unexpected, and much opposition.

- Zachariah

- Mary:

- Pondering in her heart. Luke 2:19

SOME OF MARY'S FUTURE “OBSTACLES”

- Joseph would divorce her
- Her family would disown her
- Her father had the legal right to stone her
- Her community would reject her
- Raise a child whose father was God
- The tears of the cross.

4. Mary acted upon what she had been given.

- Luke 1:39 - 40