

Opening Your Heart To God's Plans

Luke 1:26-38

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*When God invites us to participate in His purposes,
we need to willingly accept the invitation
instead of balking at the possibilities.*

God Has Plans For Ordinary People.

*Mary was an ordinary person, who responded in
humility, service, and obedience to God's plan!*

God's Plans Take Priority Over Other Plans.

*God's plans are not interruptions that sidetrack us,
but redirections that lead us down His path.*

God's Plans Are Accompanied By His Presence.

*Mary was the recipient of God's grace,
not the dispenser of it!*

God's Plans Come With God-Sized Questions.

*God wants us to realize that His plans for us are
bigger than us. His plans require faith in Him.*

God's Plans Must Be Acted On.

*When we open our heart to God's plan,
He will use us to change the world.*

Luke 1:26–38 (ESV)

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth,

²⁷to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary.

²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!"

²⁹But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be.

³⁰And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

³¹And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.

³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David,

³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

³⁵And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.

³⁶And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren.

³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God."

³⁸And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.