

# HOW TO FIND SIGNIFICANCE THIS SEASON

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*But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God.” (Luke 1:30)*

## Mary TRUSTED God’s promises

*“Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!” (Luke 1:45)*

*“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?” The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.” (Luke 1:31–35)*

*“I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” (Luke 1:38)*

## Mary ENDURED rejection

*“Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.” (Matthew 1:19)*

*“When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.” So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod.” (Matthew 2:13–15)*

## Mary CONSIDERED God’s work

*“But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.” (Luke 2:19)*

*“But his mother treasured all these things in her heart.” (Luke 2:51)*

*“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” (Romans 12:2)*

## Mary RELIED on God’s help

*“On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus’ mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus’ mother said to him, “They have no more wine.” “Woman, why do you involve me?” Jesus replied. “My hour has not yet come. “His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” (John 2:1-5)*

*“Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, “Woman, here is your son,” and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.” (John 19:25-27)*

## One Last Thought:

**This season, how can you follow**

**Mary’s model of FAITHFULNESS?**