

**You Can Have Joy!**  
**Good News, Pt. 3**  
Luke 1  
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**Luke 2:10**, *But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause **great joy** for all the people.*

**Luke 1:13**, *But the angel said to him: “Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. **14** He will be a **joy** and delight to you, and many will **rejoice** because of his birth, **15** for he will be great in the sight of the Lord.*

**Luke 1:34**, *“How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”*

**You Can Have Joy, When...**

**1. Your Life Pleases GOD**

**Luke 1:26**, *...God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, **27** to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. **28** The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.”*

**Isaiah 41:10**, *So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*

**2. You Listen to God’s WORD**

**Luke 1:29**, *Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. **30** But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. **31** You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.*

**Psalms 81:13**, *“If My people would only listen to Me, if Israel would only follow My ways...”*

**3. You Focus on the Significance of JESUS**

**Luke 1:32**, *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, **33** and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”*

**4. You Trust God Through Seasons of DOUBT**

**Luke 1:34**, *“How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”*

**Isaiah 55:8**, *“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD. **9** “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

## 5. You Rely on God's POWER

**Luke 1:35**, *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. **36** Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. **37** For no word from God will ever fail."*

**Luke 18:27**, Jesus said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

## 6. You Say Yes to God's Will in YOUR LIFE

**Luke 1:38**, *"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.*

**Luke 1:46**, *And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord **47** and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, **48** for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, **49** for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name.*