

Walking With The Characters of Christmas
“Mary: A Willing Servant In God’s Radical Agenda”

(Part 2)

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Eph. 1:9 “God has now revealed to us his mysterious plan regarding Christ, a plan to fulfill his own good pleasure.” (NLT)

I Cor. 2:7 “No, the wisdom we speak of is the mystery of God —his plan that was previously hidden, even though he made it for our ultimate glory before the world began.” (NLT)

Eph. 1:11 “...he makes everything work out according to his plan.” (NLT)

I. God’s Agenda Involves _____

Luke 1: 26-27 “In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David.” (NLT)

A. God uses normal people to _____ the values of this world

I Cor. 1:26-30 “Remember, dear brothers and sisters, that few of you were wise in the world’s eyes or powerful or wealthy when God called you. Instead, God chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose things that are powerless to shame those who are powerful. God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important. As a result, no one can ever boast in the presence of God.” (NLT)

B. God uses normal people as a _____ to the world

II. God’s Agenda Doesn’t Always Follow _____

Luke 1:34-37 “Mary asked the angel, “But how can this happen? I am a virgin.” The angel replied, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God. What’s more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she’s now in her sixth month. For nothing is impossible with God.” (NLT)

A. Typical methods don’t highlight God’s _____

Is. 55:8-9 “My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,” says the LORD. “And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher

than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.” (NLT)

B. Typical methods do not highlight God’s _____

I Cor. 1:25 “This foolish plan of God is wiser than the wisest of human plans, and God’s weakness is stronger than the greatest of human strength.” (NLT)

I Cor. 4:20 “For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.” (NIV)

III. God’s Agenda Requires Our _____

Luke 1:38 “Mary responded, “I am the Lord’s servant. May everything you have said about me come true.” And then the angel left her.” (NLT)

A. Cooperation requires the mindset of a _____
I am the Lord’s servant...

I Cor. 6:19-20 “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price...” (NIV)

B. Cooperation requires us to surrender to _____
May everything you have said about me come true....