

A SIMPLE GIRL
A Simple Christmas 1
Luke 1:26-55 p. 723-724

God wants to use you. He's eager to use you in ways you have not even imagined. Mary was a simple girl who:

1. WHO DESIRED _____ GOD'S WILL

God made you for a purpose but you could miss that purpose. Mary's response in Luke 1:46-48:

There are two attitudes that Mary showed.

- 1) **Enthusiasm.** *46And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord 47and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,*
- 2) **Humility.** *48for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.*

God works in our lives not because we deserve it, but because He desires it.

How do you know when you really want God's will first in your life? You know for sure by listening to Him every day.

Luke 2:19 *"Mary quietly treasured these things in her heart and often thought about them."*

What do you desire most in life? *"Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these other things will be added unto you."* It starts with a desire.

2. WHO WAS WILLING _____ THE PRICE.

There is always a cost in following God's plan for your life.

Luke 1:38 *38"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.*

Can you imagine the cost she paid to be the mother of Jesus Christ?

1. Her reputation.
2. It cost her comfort.

Jesus said, *"No one can be My disciple who doesn't carry his own cross. But don't begin until you count the cost."* Paul says in Philippians 3:7 *"All these things that I once thought very worthwhile now I've thrown them all away so that I can put my trust and hope in Christ alone."*

What am I willing to give up in order to be used by God?

3. WHO _____ GOD'S PROMISES

Courage doesn't mean you're not afraid. Mary was a simple girl of deep faith.

Luke 1:34-37 *34"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" 35The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon 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. 36Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. 37For nothing is impossible with God."*

Mary had every reason to be worried. She's going to carry this great responsibility. But instead of worry, Mary worshiped.

In Luke 1:46-55 we have Mary's song of worship. Instead of worrying, she worshiped.

Jesus said, *"What is impossible with men is possible with God."*

Mary's cousin understood the third reason God chose Mary. Elizabeth said, *. 45Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!"*

God uses people who desire His will, who decide to pay the cost for His will and who dare to trust Him.

Are you willing to be used by God, no matter how simple or normal or ordinary you think you are? God used a Simple Girl to bring his son into the world so we could have eternal life.