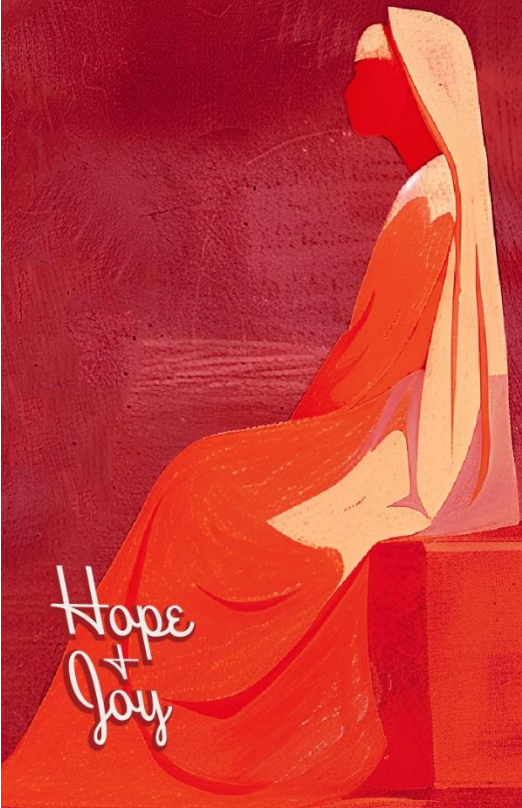


MARY SAID  
*Yes*



*Hope  
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# **Mary Said YES**

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**Trusting God When You Don't See the Whole Picture**

## **Introduction**

There are moments in life when everything changes with a single sentence.

For Mary, it happened without warning.

She was not in a temple. She was not on a stage. She was not seeking attention or significance. She was simply living her ordinary life when heaven interrupted her routine with an extraordinary announcement.

An angel appeared.

And with that appearance came a message that would alter the course of history—and the direction of Mary’s life forever.

This book is not just about Mary.

It is about what happens when God speaks, and how a human heart responds.

Because while Mary’s story is unique, her response is timeless.

Every generation faces moments when God invites us into something bigger than we planned, bigger than we understand, and often bigger than we feel ready for. The question is never whether God is able. The question is whether we are willing.

Mary teaches us what it looks like to say yes to God before we see the full picture.

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## **When Heaven Interrupts the Ordinary**

Scripture does not tell us what Mary was doing when the angel Gabriel appeared.

We are not given a dramatic setup. There is no description of a spiritual atmosphere or a sacred ritual taking place. That omission is intentional.

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Mary could have been washing clothes. She could have been walking through town. She could have been carrying water, preparing food, or simply thinking about her upcoming marriage to Joseph.

In other words, she was likely doing something very ordinary.

And that is often how God works.

Heaven does not wait for perfect conditions. God does not require a polished moment. He interrupts the ordinary with divine purpose.

The angel's appearance reminds us that God is not distant from daily life. He enters it.

And when God enters, life is never the same.

Mary's story challenges the assumption that spiritual moments must always feel spiritual. Sometimes the most sacred callings arrive in the middle of the most normal days.

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### **“You Are Highly Favored”**

The first words Gabriel speaks to Mary are striking:

“You are highly favored.”

This statement does not come after Mary performs a miracle, completes a spiritual task, or proves her worth.

It comes before anything happens.

Favor, in God's economy, is not earned. It is given.

Mary did not receive favor because she was extraordinary. She was chosen because God is sovereign.

Yet Scripture makes one thing clear—God does not choose randomly. There was something about Mary's heart that God trusted.

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Being highly favored does not mean a life free from difficulty. In fact, in Mary's case, favor led directly to misunderstanding, discomfort, risk, and sacrifice.

Favor does not mean easy.

Favor means entrusted.

God entrusts His purposes to those who are willing to carry them.

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### **“The Lord Is With You”**

Gabriel's next words are just as important:

“The Lord is with you.”

This was not merely a comforting phrase. It was a declaration of divine presence.

Mary was about to face confusion, questions, and uncertainty. God did not remove those challenges—but He promised His presence through them.

God's presence does not always change the circumstance. It changes our ability to walk through it.

The assurance that the Lord is with you does not eliminate fear. It anchors you in the middle of it.

Mary would need that promise.

So do we.

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### **Fear, Confusion, and the Cost of Yes**

Scripture tells us that Mary was troubled by Gabriel's words.

That response matters.

Faith does not mean the absence of fear. It means choosing trust in the presence of fear.

Mary had real reasons to be afraid.

## *Mary Said YES*

She was engaged. She lived in a culture where pregnancy outside of marriage carried severe consequences. She knew people would talk. She knew questions would come.

God did not explain every detail.

He simply revealed enough for obedience.

And that is often how God works.

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### **Nothing Is Impossible With God**

When Mary asked how this could happen, Gabriel's answer was both simple and profound.

“The Holy Spirit will come upon you.”

And then he added:

“Nothing will be impossible with God.”

This statement reframes everything.

God does not ask us to figure out how. He asks us to trust who.

Mary believed.

Her belief was not passive. It was active surrender.

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### **“I Am the Lord's Servant”**

Mary's response is one of the most powerful declarations in Scripture:

“I am the Lord's servant. May it be done to me according to your word.”

She did not negotiate.

She did not demand guarantees.

She did not ask for a timeline.

She surrendered.

## *Mary Said YES*

Surrender is not weakness.

Surrender is strength aligned with trust.

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### **Learning to Treasure the Moment**

Later, Scripture tells us that Mary treasured these things and pondered them in her heart.

She reflected.

She slowed down.

In a world that moves fast, Mary teaches us the spiritual discipline of reflection.

Moments matter.

God often speaks in ways we only understand when we pause long enough to listen.

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### **Worship as a Response, Not a Performance**

Mary's response to Elizabeth's words was worship.

Her song—the Magnificat—is not polished performance. It is raw, humble, and God-centered.

Worship flows naturally from trust.

It is not about music. It is about recognition.

Mary recognized who God was—and who she was not.

And worship followed.

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### **Saying Yes Without Seeing the Cross**

Mary could not see Bethlehem.

She could not see the cave.

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She could not see the cross.

Yet she said yes.

Trusting God does not require full visibility.

It requires full surrender.

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**The Invitation Still Stands**

The same truths spoken to Mary are spoken to us:

You are highly favored.

You are blessed.

The Lord is with you.

The question is not whether God is calling.

The question is whether we will respond.

Mary's yes changed history.

Your yes can change your life.

And perhaps the lives of others.

The invitation still stands.

*Mary Said YES*