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A Christmas Confrontation

(Luke 1: 26-37)

God confronted Mary with His Will for her life. She could have reacted in several of several ways when the angel said she was going to have a baby out of wedlock - a supernaturally conceived baby.

② ① What will my friends say? And my family

② ② And what about Joseph, my betrothed I can just hear me saying to him "Joseph I'm going to have a Supernatural baby"

③ ③ I'll tell you what I think Gabriel, I'm really not cut out for this great role. I don't feel worthy of being the mother of the "Son of the Most High" as you call him. What about my friend Sara? - she's your woman - a really dedicated & gifted woman, why don't you ask her?

Notice that God was asking Mary to be different - different from her friends and to take part in a very difficult position.

What did Jonah do? He ran from his task.

What did Peter do about the Gentiles? He resisted God's call.

Paul's evaluation of Demas "having loved this world Demas has deserted me" II Tim. 4: 10

Saulin
1 Sam. 15

① ways to have a healthy diet
② ways to have a healthy diet

Cholesterol

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High cholesterol is a condition in which the level of cholesterol in the blood is too high. This can lead to heart disease and stroke.

There are two types of cholesterol:

- LDL (Low Density Lipoprotein): This is the "bad" cholesterol. It can build up in the arteries, leading to atherosclerosis.
- HDL (High Density Lipoprotein): This is the "good" cholesterol. It helps remove LDL from the arteries.

Factors that can increase cholesterol levels include:

- Genetics
- Age
- Obesity
- Smoking
- Diabetes
- High blood pressure
- Unhealthy diet
- Lack of exercise

Ways to lower cholesterol levels:

- Exercise regularly
- Quit smoking
- Manage diabetes and high blood pressure
- Eat a healthy diet (low in saturated fats, trans fats, and cholesterol; high in fiber, fruits, and vegetables)
- Take medication if necessary

Cholesterol is a waxy substance found in all cells in the body. It is used to produce hormones, vitamin D, and bile acids. It is also a major component of cell membranes.

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1st reaction

So
II Mary could have resisted and run from God's will for her life. Being in God's Will often means going against the crowd, being different, and very often you have to face very difficult situations - Mary certainly did.

A disciple Jesus said cannot look back after putting your "hand to the plow" - you go right on following Jesus.

Mary said "yes" and her life did become much more difficult - Joseph rejected her, her Son was a source embarrassment to the family in his ministry. When he came home to Nazareth for Thanksgiving he went to the synagogue & before he was through "all in the synagogue were filled with rage" & tried to throw him off a cliff (Lu. 4: 28-29). In Jo. we find that his brothers did not believe in him (Jo. 7: 5).

And finally she watched her Son, this Son of miraculous conception & Great Promise get crucified - it was a horrible death to watch & we know she watched him die.

But if you were to ask her after it was all over - Christ having risen from the dead - conquering death & paying for our sins, Mary, are you sorry you said "yes" to God years ago. When he sent the angel Gabriel to you? She would say No! Absolutely not - I'm so thankful for the privilege God gave me!"

The main reason I have written this is
to show you how I think about things
and how I feel about them. I hope
you will find it interesting and
helpful. I have written it in a
simple and straightforward way so
that you can understand it easily.
I have also included some examples
to help you see how I think about
things. I hope you will find it
useful and interesting.

③ 2nd reaction

II Mary could have arranged to make God's will happen. Having been chosen she could have brought it about in the flesh.

Sarah did this for Abraham when she decided to 'help God along' with His plan & brought disruption & trouble into her home. If Mary had stepped ahead of God - & with Joseph tried to have this miracle child she would have spoiled her position of privilege as the Virgin who would conceive.

(Gal. 5:17) speaks of us being freed from the bondage & slavery of trying hard to please God & Paul asks us to stand firm in God's freedom - don't try to perform God's will for your life LET HIM

3rd reaction

III Mary's reaction was beautiful "Behold, the bond-slave of the Lord, he it done to me according to your word" (Lu. 1:38)

1. She made herself available
2. Trusting God to perform His WILL in her life.

"Here I am - & I am going to trust you God" I hear some one asking Why does God bother to ask us? If He's going to do it & we are going to trust isn't it academic for God to ask us?

No! We are not robots! We have free will -> "Present yourselves" (Rom. 12:1-2)
The effortless life is not the will-less life