

WHEN YOU'RE OVERWHELMED

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"God sent the angel Gabriel... to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, 'Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you!' Mary was greatly troubled at his words... But the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus...'"

"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you..."

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me according to your word." At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth...

And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Luke 1:26-47

What To Do When You Feel Overwhelmed

1. Let Go Of Your Need To

_____ The Situation.

Verse 34

"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

Verse 38

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me according to your word."

The Lord will work out His plans for my life.

Psalms 138:8 (NLT)

God's Plan For My Life Is Always...

_____ Than My Plan.
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2. Let _____ Help You Out.

Mary hurried to the hill country of Judea, to the town where Zechariah lived. She entered the house and greeted Elizabeth.

Luke 1:38-40 (NLT)

3. Remember God's _____

Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her.

Luke 1:45

To Find Strength When You're Overwhelmed:

_____ God for his good promises.

"My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."

Luke 1:46

_____ on God's promises.

Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

Luke 2:19

**All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted*