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Mary

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Luke 1:26-38 (NIV)

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, 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."

Luke 1:26-38 (NIV)

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. 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. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.

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The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

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

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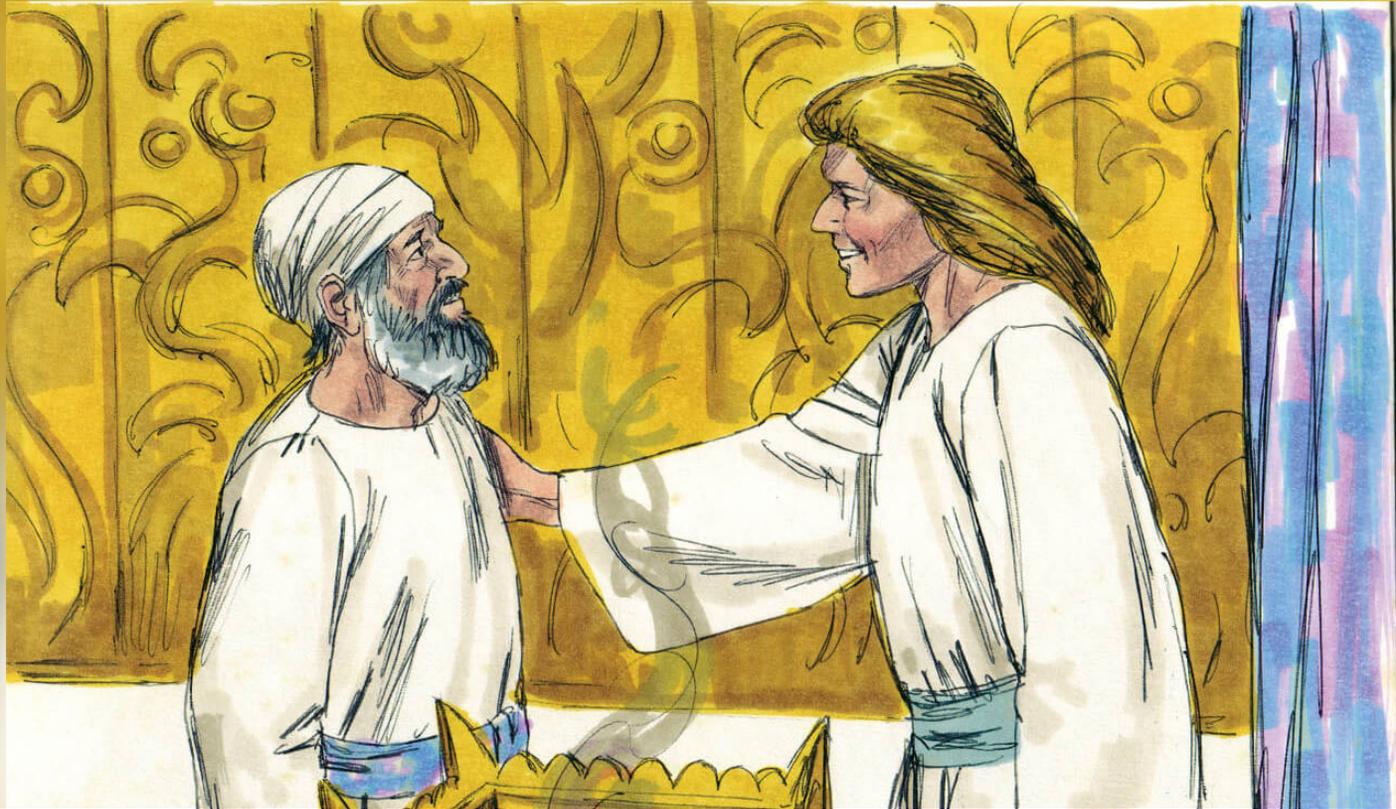
The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail.”

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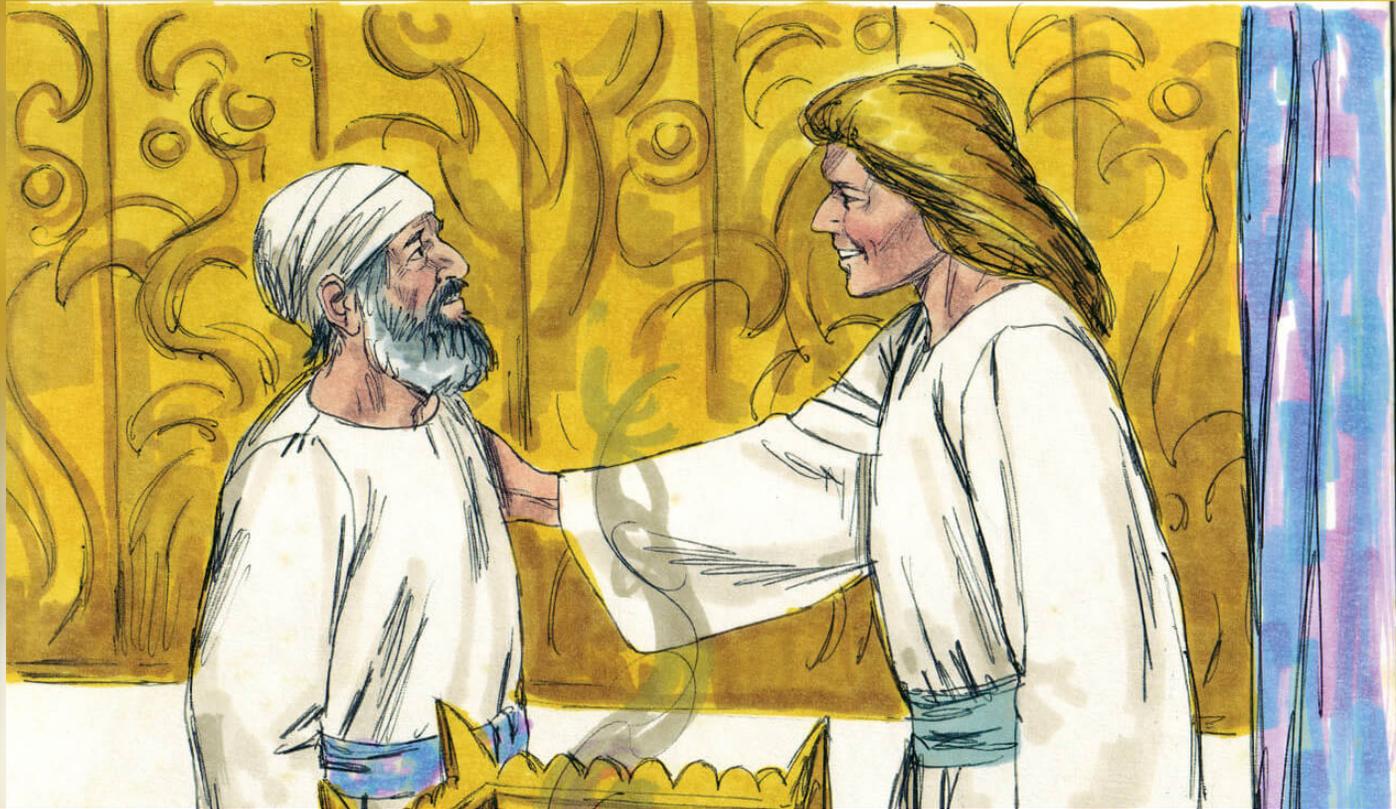
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“I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered.
“May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then
the angel left her.



"How can I be *sure* of this? I am an old man, and my wife is *well along* in years."



"Have you *seen* me and my wife? Do you know *how* old we are? *That ain't possible!*"

Nazareth!
Can anything
good come
from *there*?





***Greetings, you who
are highly favored!
The Lord is with
you.***



**Freaketh
me out!**



You will *conceive*
and give birth to
a *son*, and you are
to call him *Jesus*.



I have been taught that it takes *two to tango*, so as I am still a *virgin* how is this going to work?



The *Holy Spirit* will come on 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*.



I am the *Lord's* servant. May your word to me be fulfilled.

THE POINT

Mary did not have all the answers about how it would happen or what it would mean for her and her family, she accepted Gabriel's words as true and willingly joined in what God wanted to do in her and through her.

THE LESSON

Mary serves as an example of how we should respond to the Father's call to us.

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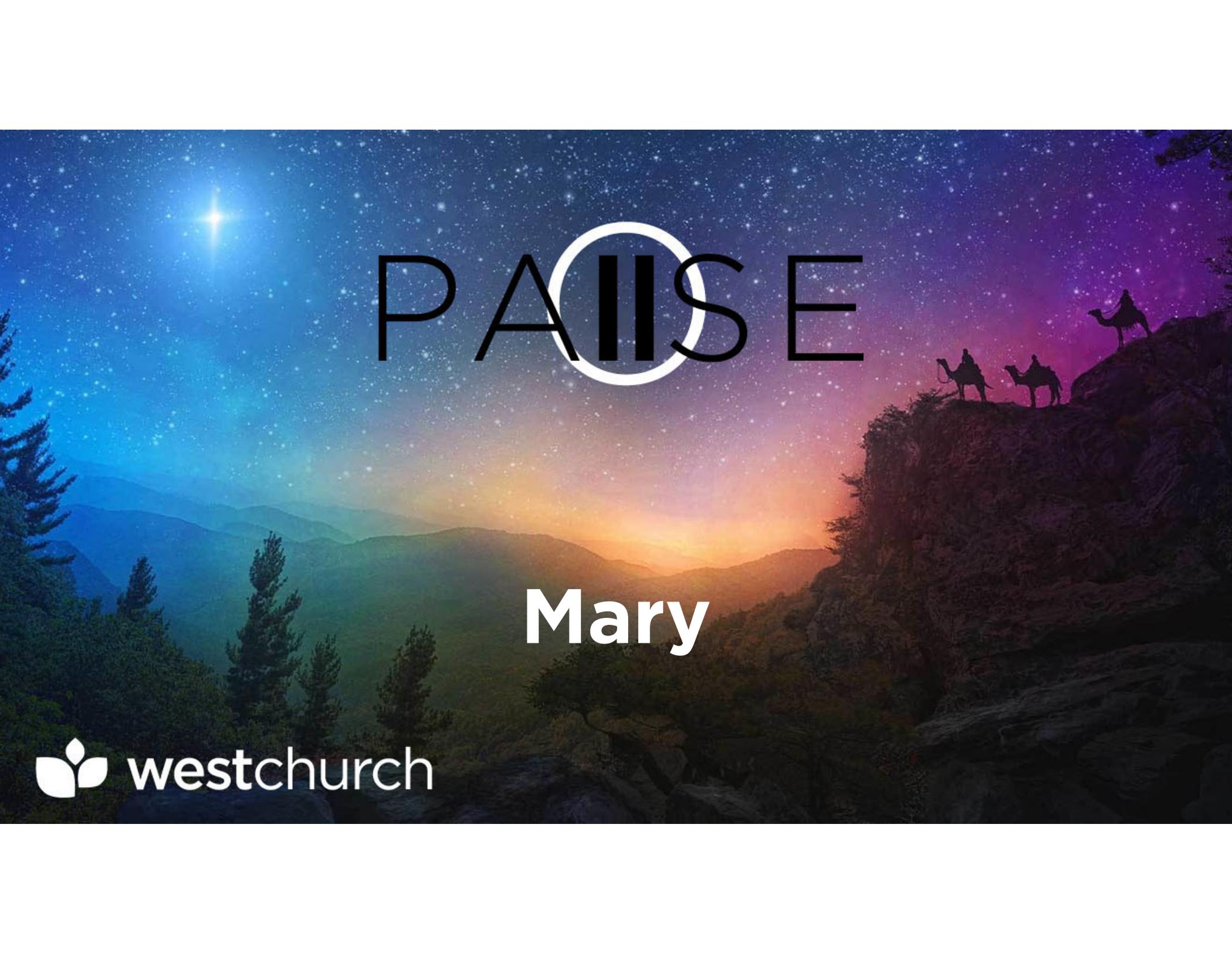
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Mary is an example that God does not use people because they are deemed to be old enough, mature enough, or equipped enough.

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