

# Expect A Miracle: Mary

## Life Steps | December 19 & 20, 2015

### **Day 1 Expect a Miracle:**

**Luke 1:5-25, Luke 1:26-37**

The Gospel of Luke records two birth announcements. Zachariah's questioning of the angel Gabriel's annunciation was met with a different response than Mary's. What were the similarities and differences? If you don't believe in God's miracles, what life experiences or beliefs hinder you doing so?

### **Day 2 Expect a Miracle**

**Luke Chapter 1**

What steps did Mary take to be prepared to receive the message that she would bear the Son of God thus serving God's purpose? How will your Christmas observations help you prepare to serve God's purpose in your life? Are you prepared to bring your Birthday Gift to Jesus on Christmas Eve?

**Luke 1:46-56,**

### **Day 3 Expect a Miracle:**

**1 Samuel 2:1-8, Isaiah 41:8-10, Genesis 29:31-35**

How does "Mary's song" speak to you? Old Testament scriptures influenced Mary's writing. Can you find the similarities and faith foundation she received from these scriptures? Identify the scriptures you would like to learn so well that they would influence your actions and words?

### **Day 4 Expect a Miracle:**

**John 15:16, John 13:14**

Pray specifically for those you have invited to join you in worship on Christmas Eve. Pray for your church as we prepared to share the love and grace of Jesus with your family and friends. What does being obedient to God and trusting God mean to you as you prepare to celebrate Jesus' birthday?

### **Day 5 Expect a Miracle:**

**Matthew 6:32-34**

Merry Christmas Eve! In the busyness of this day how will you arrange your schedule around God? What items/actions will you move to the top of your priority list to make sure you are preparing for the celebration of Jesus' birth and not just another holiday.

### **Day 6 Expect a Miracle**

**Luke 2:1-20**

Happy Birthday Jesus!!! Who will you tell? Share the Good News of Jesus' birth with at least 4 people today. Invite them into your family celebration with smiles, warm hugs and prayers and the love of Christ Jesus!

### **Day 7 Expect a Miracle**

**Genesis 18:12-14, Jeremiah 32:17, Mark 10:24-27**

Mary expected miracles! "All things are possible with God." What is stopping you from inviting God into your "stuff"? Why do you limit your God expectations? How can the miracle of Jesus' birth, life, and resurrection transform your expectations and belief? Select a situation or relationship where a miracle is needed and ask for it concluding with, "your will be done."