

ENCOURAGED BY CHRISTMAS

Fear Not: You Have God's Grace

(Lk. 1:26-55)

Mary's Fear: I am unworthy of God's favor

Mary's fear *(Lk. 1:28-30)*

The angel's assurance *(Lk. 1:30)*

Mary was remarkable *(Lk. 1:38, 46, 48)*

Mary was a sinner *(Lk. 1:47-55; Rom. 3:23)*

Our Fear: I am unworthy of God's grace

Fear Not: You have God's grace!

This wasn't about Mary's worthiness, but God's determination
(Lk. 1:30)

This wasn't about Mary's goodness, but Christ's greatness
(Lk. 1:32-33)

God's grace is the answer to your unworthiness

- “call His name Jesus” *(Lk. 1:31; Mt. 1:21)*
- Mary would bear a Son who would bear our sin
(1 Pt. 2:24)

Mary Understood *(Lk. 1:46-50)*