

## ENCOURAGED BY CHRISTMAS

### ***Fear Not: You Have God's Grace***

*(Lk. 1:26-55)*

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#### **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)***