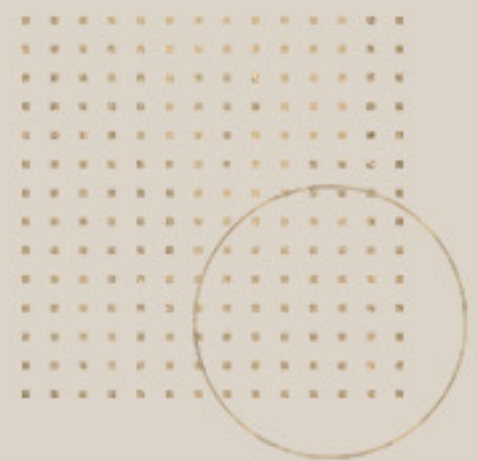


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Make the Most of this
NEW YEAR

NEW TEACHING SERIES
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ADVENT

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ROMANS 8:38-39



ADVENT

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us...

1 JOHN 4:16

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

JOHN 13:34-35



WHAT DEVOTION LOOKS LIKE

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 and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.

LUKE 1:28-29





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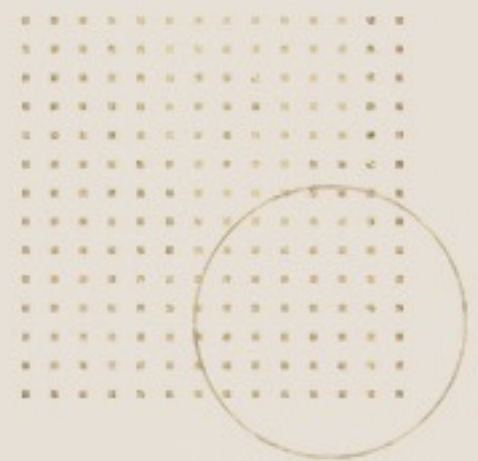
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BE DEVOTED

5 ACTION STEPS



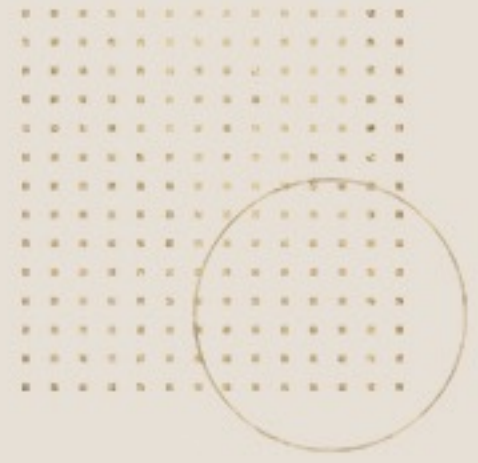
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Trust when troubled.

*Mary was greatly troubled at his words
and wondered what kind of greeting this
might be.*

LUKE 1:29





**It is always wise to
trust the Lord.**



And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name.

His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm..."

LUKE 1:46-55



2

Focus on faith over fear.

But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God."

LUKE 1:30



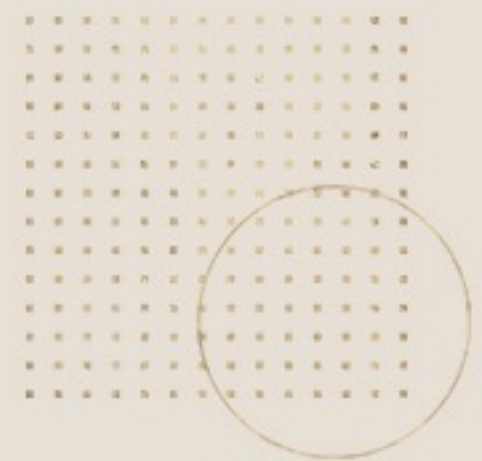
 **FAITH =**

Acknowledge

Believe

Commit





**You will not escape worry, but
you must choose to focus less on
the objects of your worry and
more on the object of your faith.**



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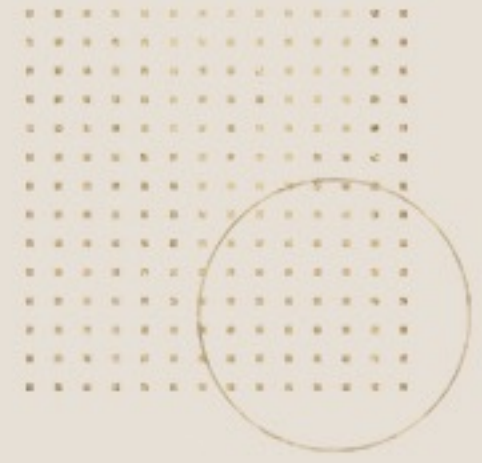
Obsess over the mission, not the obstacles.



“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. 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?”

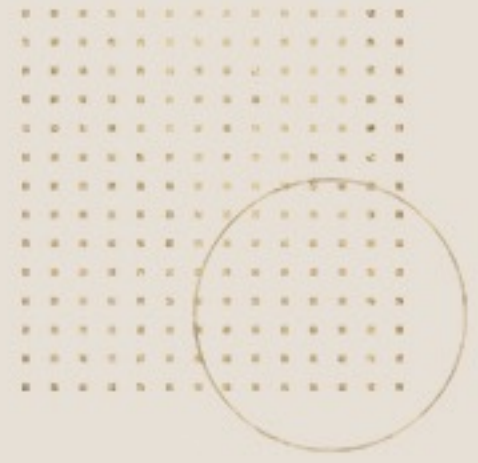
LUKE 1:31-34





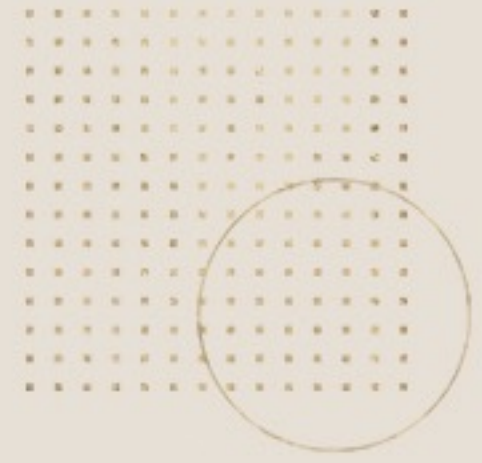
God's Way
vs
My Way





**Where HE guides,
HE provides.**





When you obsess over obstacles, you will become overwhelmed. When you focus on the power of God, you will persevere. When you focus on your problems, you will become paralyzed. Faith in God unleashes the power and faith we need to progress.



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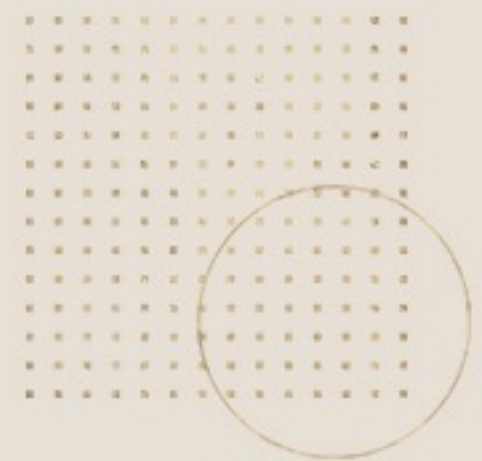
Reaffirm God's
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The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age,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

LUKE 1:35-37





Christmas screams this message:

God came to you,

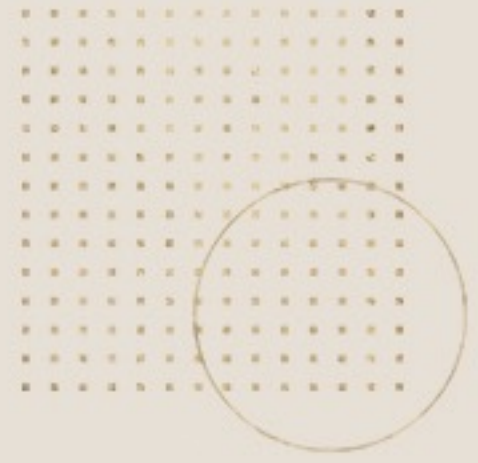
God came for you,

God made a way for you,

God will walk with you,

God is preparing a place for you.





God can do anything!

LUKE 1:37 (NCV)

*For with God nothing will be
impossible.*

LUKE 1:37 (NKJV)



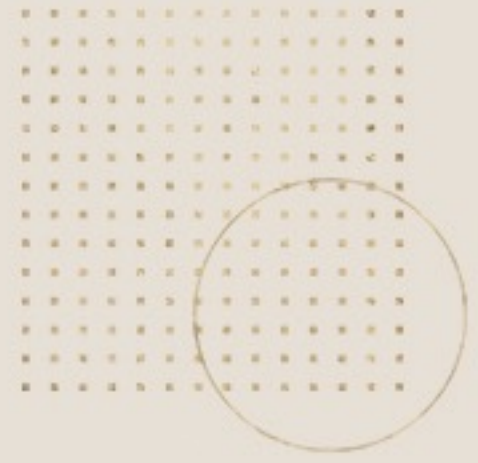
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Demonstrate devotion over indecision.

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

LUKE 1:38

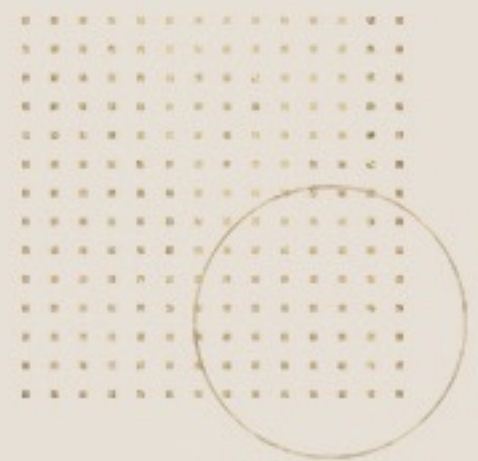




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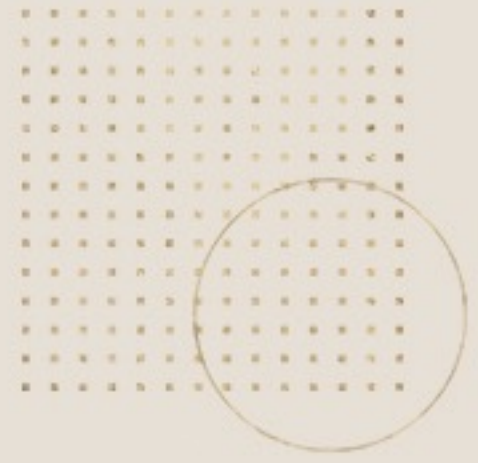




*Blessed is she who has believed
that the Lord would fulfill his
promises to her!*

LUKE 1:45





*“I am yours. I will do
what you have asked.”*



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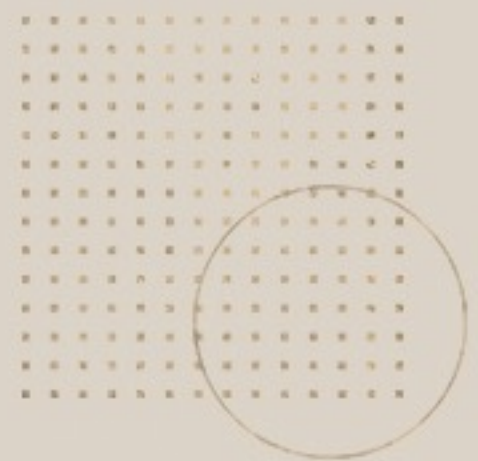
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