

# “Confused, Baffled & Bewildered”

Based on Luke 1:26-30 (NIV)

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*Luke 1:26-29*

*26 In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee,*

*27 to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary.*

*28 The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."*

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

† **God has chosen Mary not because she earned it but because God wanted to.**

† **God chooses me for something because God wants to.**

† **I never have to do things alone for “The Lord is with you.”**

*Luke 1:30 - But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God."*

† **To receive God's favor is to receive God's approval.**

† **Prosperity, acceptability, and comfort have never been the essence of God's blessings and favor.**

† **God's favor does not automatically bring immediate results.**

† **To be favored by God is when I realize that I am God's and God calls me to trust Him and not to expect prosperity or comfort as the world sees it.**

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† **When I keep my trust in God, no matter how much pain or hardship or length of time, then “God's will” will be done in my life.**

## **Applying Today's Message to My Life:**

† What am I dealing with in my life that has me troubled? That has me confused, baffled, or bewildered?

† How is God with me and helping me in this situation?

† What task has God called me to do sometime in my life?

† Being honest with myself, how am I favored by God?

† What is God asking me to do today? This week?