

Handling Life's Interruptions

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Four Lessons from Mary on Handling Life's Interruptions:

(Luke 1:26-49)

1. Be _____ in what seems _____

*In the sixth month the angel **Gabriel** was sent from God to a city of **Galilee** named Nazareth, to a **virgin betrothed** to a man whose name was **Joseph, of the house of David**. And the virgin's name was **Mary**. Luke 1:26-27*

*And he came to her and said, "Greetings, **O favored one**, the Lord is with you!" Luke 1:28*

*But she was **greatly troubled** at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. Luke 1:29*

2. Be _____ to do what seems _____

*And Mary said, "**My soul magnifies** the Lord, and **my spirit rejoices** in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me **blessed**; for he who is mighty has done **great things** for me, and holy is his name. Luke 1:46-49*

GRATITUDE: best spiritual indicator of _____.

3. Be _____ to do what is _____

*And the angel said to her, "**Do not be afraid**, Mary,*

*for you have **found favor** with God. Luke 1:30*

*And behold, you will conceive in your womb **and bear a son**, and you shall call his name **Jesus**. **He will be great** and will be called the **Son of the Most High**. And the Lord God will **give to him the throne** of his father David... Luke 1:31-32*

*and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and **of his kingdom there will be no end.**" Luke 1:33*

4. Be _____ to do what seems _____

*And Mary said to the angel, “**How will this be**, since I am a virgin?” Luke 1:34*

*And the angel answered her, “**The Holy Spirit...***

...will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. Luke 1:35

*And behold, your relative **Elizabeth** in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. Luke 1:36*

***For nothing will be impossible with God.”** Luke 1:37*

*And Mary said, “Behold, **I am the servant of the Lord**; let it be to me according to your word.”
And the angel departed from her. Luke 1:38*