

**A MOMENT WITH MARY**  
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**INTRODUCTION:**

Mary was born into a poor family in the town of Nazareth. A town of 1,600 during the reign of Herod the Great. “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” She wasn’t popular or voted most likely to succeed. While not many paid her much attention, God was delighted in what He saw in her. Little did her peers know she would be the virgin that God would use to bring His Son into the world. Also, she would be God’s role model for teenagers, single women and mothers.

**LUKE 1:26-38**

Scenarios: Can’t have children, lost a child or mother, abused, abandoned, irresponsible mother, disrespectful child, etc.

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1. Moral purity - a virgin. Girls married young to ensure virginity.
  - A. Mary was espoused or legally married to Joseph.
  - B. Mary wasn’t divine or born sinless.
  - C. **1 THESSALONIANS 4:3-4** Reveals God’s will regarding morality.
2. An ordinary woman. **LUKE 1:29-30**
  - A. She wasn’t wealthy or in a position of influence.
  - B. She feared the angel as anyone would. She was an ordinary woman God used in an extraordinary way.
3. A deep thinker. **LUKE 2:19**
  - A. Ponder means to think about carefully before making a decision or reaching a conclusion.  
**LUKE 1:34-35**
4. Available. **LUKE 1:38 (NLT)**
  - A. She was surrendered and willing to do whatever God wanted.
  - B. God is looking for availability, not ability, no matter the cost.
    - Mary could have lost Joseph. How could she explain her pregnancy? She wasn’t told about Joseph’s dream.
    - She could have been publicly ostracized, being pregnant. Who would believe her story?
    - She could have been stoned. Who would choose this fate?
5. A woman of faith. **LUKE 1:38**
  - A. She exalted God’s Word above reason and logic. True faith isn’t moved by reason: Sarah laughed; Zacharias doubted; Gideon and Hezekiah wanted proof or a sign; Thomas wanted physical evidence.
  - B. True faith isn’t dependent on physical evidence.
6. A woman of worship. **LUKE 1:46-49**
  - A. She choose worship over whining and complaining. Her focus was on honoring God, not on the shame or embarrassment.
  - B. **NUMBERS 14:2** These whined instead of praising God for victory.
7. A humble servant. **LUKE 1:38**
  - A. She had a submissive, obedient, humble spirit, willing to sacrifice everything to please God with her life.
8. A devoted mother. **JOHN 19:26-27**
  - A. While dying, Jesus made provision for His mother’s care. What a tribute!
  - B. The Canaanite woman sacrificed it all for her daughter.
9. Spirit filled. **ACTS 1:13-14, 2:1-4**
  - A. No matter how strong, smart, wealthy, motivated, influential, kind, patient or loving one is, we all need the fulness of the Spirit to work the works of God.

**CONCLUSION:** Eve brought sin into the world, whereas, Mary brought the Savior into the world. By following the example of Mary, every teenager, single woman and mother can live a life that honors God.