

## Are We Willing to Live in the Power of the Christmas Story?

—Luke 1:1-56—

(1) Do you have an accurate, orderly account of the gospel that provides certainty to your standing before God? (1:1-4)

(2) Do you believe that God can and will use old people for his "special assignments"? (1:5-7)

(3) Are you willing to believe God through your fears and disbelief if he were to call you to a "special assignment"?  
(1:8-25)

(4) Are you at a place in your life where you can believe God for the impossible? (1:26-38)

(5) Do you respond to God's divine interruptions with faithful steps in the ordinary realm of your life? (1:39-45) [Mary went to visit her friend Elizabeth.]

(6) Do you ever explode with joy for the opportunity of service that God has given you?

## The Greatest Gift: The Holy Child!

Luke 1:1-56

### Magnificat

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.  
And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.  
He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;  
he has brought down the mighty from their thrones  
and exalted those of humble estate;  
he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,  
as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever."

(Luke 1:46-55 ESV)