

Changed by
Christmas

**When God Changes
Your Heart**

LUKE 1:26-45 ~ MARY



**SUBMISSIVE TO THE WILL OF GOD
EVEN THOUGH I HAVE GOOD
REASON TO DISOBEY. LUKE 1:26-28**

- **Circumstances: Nazareth**
- **Convenience: wedding plans, busy.**
- **Criticism: ridicule family, unwed mother.**
- **Cost: time, stress, death or divorce.**
- **Compromise: wait until better time, setting, after married.**

COMPROMISING HEART

Survey, 12-13-09 Americans Mix & Match Faiths:
Orange County Register.

“When it comes to religion, many Americans like the mix-and-match, build-your-own approach.”

“It is as much now the norm as it is the exception for Americans to blend multiple religious beliefs and practices” said Alan Cooperman, associate director at the Pew Forum.

COMPROMISING HEART

23% of Christians say the position of stars/planets affects their lives.

22% of Christians say they will be reborn again and again in this world.

17% Christians say people with an “evil eye” can cast a spell or curse.

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D. Michael Lindsay, a Rice University sociologist of religion, said the results illustrate what he calls the “playlist effect” in American religious practice. “The way we personalize our iPhones, we also personalize our religious lives.”

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Count Chandler Pierce, a 27 year old cook from Dunconsville, PA, is in that group. He was raised a Baptist, dabbled in Mormonism, said he is “with the whole Christianity thing.” Most closely identifies wit Buddhism and believes in astrology and all manner of supernatural phenomenon. “My religion now... it’s complicated” he said.

SUBMISSIVE TO THE WILL OF GOD
EVEN WHEN IT TROUBLES ME.

LUKE 1:26-30

26 Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth, 27 to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. 28 And coming in, he said to her, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." 29 But she was very **perplexed** at this statement, and kept **pondering** what kind of salutation this was. 30 The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God.

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Ponder = to bring together different reasons for something. To reason through in attempt to make sense of it.

Perplexed = to agitate greatly.

JOHN 11:32-33 UNEXPECTED DEATH

Therefore, when Mary came where Jesus was, she saw Him, and fell at His feet, saying to Him, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, He was deeply moved in spirit and was **troubled**.

MATTHEW 14:26

UNCERTAIN EXPERIENCES

When the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were **terrified**, and said, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear.

SUBMISSIVE TO THE WILL OF GOD
EVEN WHEN IT TROUBLES ME.

I do not know what God is doing.

I do not have answers to my questions.

I do not have a plan to deal with it.

I do not get all the details.

I do not have what it takes to resolve this.

I am not sure I can trust God with this.

SUBMISSIVE TO THE WILL OF GOD
EVEN WHEN IT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE.
LUKE 1:31-37

Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” ... “For nothing will be impossible with God.” Vs. 34, 37

SUBMIT: FIND THE PURPOSE OF CHRIST FOR US. Vs. 31, 33

Jesus = Savior for our sins.

Son of the Most High = Jesus is fully God to
pay for our sins.

Throne of David = Jesus is fully man to die
in our place.

Kingdom with out end = Jesus seeks to rule
us forever.

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SUBMIT: FIND THE POWER OF GOD
IN US. Vs. 34-37

“The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the **power** of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God.

**SUBMISSIVE TO THE WILL OF GOD BY
TRUSTING IN GOD'S WORD.**

And Mary said, "Behold, the bonds slave of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her. Luke 1:38

A SUBMISSIVE HEART OF FAITH
RESULTS IN BEING BLESSED TO BE A
BLESSING. LUKE 1:39-45

42 And she cried out with a loud voice and said,
“**Blessed** (eulogos) are you among women, and
blessed (eulogos) is the fruit of your womb! And
how has it happened to me, that the mother of
my Lord would come to me?

44 For behold, when the sound of your greeting
reached my ears, the baby leaped in my womb
for joy.

45 And **blessed** (makarios) is she who believed
that there would be a fulfillment of what had
been spoken to her by the Lord.”