

**Are you willing to be
inconvenienced for
God?**

Don't you hate inconveniences?

- Traffic Lights
- Waiting in the checkout line at WalMart
- Detours
- Road construction

Luke 2:26-56

Who was Luke?

- He was a Physician (Col 4:14)
- He was a Missionary with the Apostle Paul (Acts 16:10)
- He was with Paul at the end of his life (Acts 16:10)
- He wrote The Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles

Luke's look at Mary

- her call (Luke 1:26),
- her fears (Luke 1:29, Luke 1:35),
- her submission to God (Luke 1:38),
- her song of praise (Luke 1:39-55).

Luke 2:26-56

Point : 1

**Mary chose to be inconvenienced
to fulfill God's plan.**

Luke 1:38 (ESV)

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.

Deu 15:12-17 (NIV)

(If a fellow Hebrew, a man or a woman, sells himself to you and serves you six years, in the seventh year you must let him go free. And when you release him, do not send him away empty-handed. Supply him liberally from your flock, your threshing floor and your winepress. Give to him as the LORD your God has blessed you. Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and the LORD your God redeemed you. That is why I give you this command today. But if your servant says to you, "I do not want to leave you," because he loves you and your family and is well off with you, then take an awl and push it through his ear lobe into the door, and he will become your servant for life. Do the same for your maidservant.

Point : 2

There is a blessing in inconvenience.

What Has God Done?

1. He has looked on the humble estate of his servant.
2. He who is mighty has done great things for me,
3. He has shown strength with his arm;
4. He has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;
5. He has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate;
6. He has filled the hungry with good things,
7. He has sent [the rich] away empty.
8. He has helped his servant Israel in remembrance of his mercy,

Luke 1:48 (ESV)

for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

Luke 1:49 (ESV)

for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

Point : 3

It is not called inconvenience for nothing.

Luke 2:34 (ESV)

Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

What did Mary have to endure?

- Journey to Bethlehem 9 months pregnant
- Delivery in a stable
- Need to flee to Egypt to escape the wrath of a King
- Having to settle in a place of no regard to avoid another King
- Having to watch your son executed

Point : 4

**God was willing to be inconvenienced
for you.**

Luke 1:47 (ESV)

and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

Luke 1:50 (ESV)

*And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.*

Conclusion