## DAUGHTERS OF DESTINY

## leave a lasting legacy



40-day Devotional Tournal

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#### Hello, Daughter of Destiny!

Welcome to a 40-day journey that will immerse you in the lives and legacies of six extraordinary women from the Bible. These women, each in their unique way, demonstrate unwavering faith, courage, and devotion. Their stories inspire and encourage us, offering timeless lessons that echo through the ages.

As you embark on this devotional journey, I invite you to open your heart and mind to the lessons these remarkable women have to offer. May their stories strengthen your faith, embolden your spirit, and deepen your understanding of God's love and purpose for your life. Throughout this devotional, may you feel the presence of God guiding you, granting you wisdom, and filling you with grace.

As you reflect on the lives of Mary, Esther, Ruth, Deborah, Hannah, and Priscilla, may you find yourself uplifted and encouraged. May you see the lasting impact of faithfulness and devotion; and be inspired as you create your own legacy of faith and love.

My prayer is that the Holy Spirit moves within you, filling your heart with hope and renewing your commitment to live out God's will. May you be surrounded by His love and protection as you journey through these pages, and may your life be an everlasting reflection of His glory!

In His Love. Sheri

## Introduction

The Bible is filled with many incredible stories of God's *Daughters of Destiny*. These stories are not just historical accounts but living narratives that continue to empower and uplift Christians across generations. Amongst the numerous and diverse figures whose lives are chronicled in the Scriptures, I've chosen to highlight the following six remarkable women...

#### 1. Mary: The Mother of Jesus

The legacy of Mary, the mother of Jesus, is one of profound faith and obedience. Her story is chronicled in the Gospels, particularly in Matthew and Luke. Chosen by God to bear His Son, Mary willingly embraced God's will—even in the face of uncertainty, her obedience forever altering the course of history.

### 2. Esther: The Courageous Queen

Esther's legacy is one of great courage and self-sacrifice. Her story, found in the book of Esther, is a powerful reminder of the strength found in standing firm for what is right—even in the face of death. Her courage and willingness to advocate for justice, make bold decisions, and trust in God's providence led to shaping an entire nation's destiny.

#### 3. Ruth: The Loyal Moabite

Ruth's story is told in the book of Ruth and describes her legacy as one of loyalty and love. Her dedication to her mother-in-law, Naomi, and her willingness to embrace a new faith and culture in the darkest of times exemplify the importance of perseverance and faithfulness—virtues that eventually led her to becoming the great grandmother of King David.

#### 4. Deborah: The Prophetess and Judge

As we read in the book of Judges, Deborah's legacy is one of wisdom and leadership. She was remarkable leader in a time when Israel was oppressed by the Canaanites. As a prophetess and judge, Deborah led others with confidence and integrity, ultimately demonstrating true and powerful leadership.

#### 5. Hannah: The Devoted Mother

Hannah's story, found in 1 Samuel chapters 1 and 2, outline her legacy as one of faithfulness and gratitude. Her fervent prayers and unwavering trust in God resulted in the birth of Samuel, a significant prophet in Israel's history. Hannah's story is a testament to the power of prayer and the blessings that come from a heart fully devoted to God.

### 6. Priscilla: The Teacher and Evangelist

Priscilla, often mentioned alongside her husband Aquila in the New Testament (Acts and the Epistles), was a prominent early Christian teacher and evangelist. Priscilla's legacy is one of partnership and mentorship, highlighting the importance and the impact of partnering with and nurturing others in their faith journey. Alongside Aquila, she mentored and taught new believers, including Apollos, who played a significant role in building up the early church.



Legacy is more than status, wealth, or power; it's the lasting impact of our faith and actions.

As we immerse ourselves in the lives and legacies of these leading ladies, we are reminded that no matter what challenges we face, we too can rise above and fulfill our God-given destinies with faith, courage, grace, wisdom, and devotion.

Each day, you'll discover reflections and insights designed to uplift your spirit, encourage you to embrace your unique gifts, and deepen your trust in God's plan.

How to Use this Devotional

There are 2 journal prompts at the end of each day's devotional message that are there to help you connect the day's reading to your own life and spiritual journey. You can choose the prompt that resonates most with your current season of life, or, if you feel led, you can do both.

This devotional also makes a special gift and is perfect for sharing with friends or using in a small group. Find a devotional partner/partners, start reading together from the same page on the same date, and meet up regularly to discuss your experiences and journaled answers (the parts you're comfortable sharing, of course). This is a wonderful opportunity to cheer each other on, pray for, and minister into each other's lives.

## MARY

# a heart full of grace



## Day 1 a simple life in nazareth.

#### **Small Beginnings**

In the small, sun-drenched town of Nazareth, nestled among the rolling hills of Galilee, lived a young girl named Mary. Her days were woven with the simple threads of daily life, each one reflecting the humble origins of her people. Nazareth, though unassuming, was a town brimming with a quiet yet sincere faith, and Mary's family embodied this spirit with every breath they took.

The town's narrow, winding streets were lined with modest homes, where the sounds of children playing, women chatting, and men laboring filled the air. The aroma of freshly baked bread mingled with the scent of blooming wildflowers, creating an atmosphere of warmth and familiarity. It was in this unassuming setting that Mary, a daughter of Israel, found her place in the world.

### Faith in Every Task

Mary's mornings began before the break of dawn, her delicate hands guiding her through the familiar routines of her household. She moved with grace and purpose, her actions a testament to the love and dedication she held for her family. Together with her mother, Mary would draw water from the well, grind grain into flour, and bake the bread that would sustain them through the day. These tasks, though mundane, were performed with a sense of

reverence, each one an offering to the God they worshipped.

#### Her Relationship with Family

Mary's family was her anchor, a constant source of strength and comfort. Her father was a man of bold faith and gentle wisdom. His presence brought a sense of security and stability to their home, his words often guiding Mary on her own spiritual journey. He worked tirelessly to provide for his family, his calloused hands a testament to his dedication to his family.

Mary's mother was a woman of quiet strength and boundless love. She imparted to Mary the importance of faith and prayer, weaving these lessons into their daily lives. Her gentle guidance and nurturing spirit shaped Mary into the compassionate and devout young woman she would become.

Mary cherished the moments spent with her parents, their home a sanctuary of faith and love. They would gather each evening to study the scriptures, their voices blending in harmonious praise as they sang songs of worship. These times of togetherness strengthened their bond and deepened their collective devotion to God.

#### Foundations of Faith

From a tender age, Mary displayed a deep faith that set her apart from her peers. She found solace in the words of the prophets, her heart resonating with their messages of hope and redemption. Mary's prayers were not mere recitations,

but heartfelt conversations with the God she loved so deeply.

Often, Mary would seek out a quiet place, away from the bustle of daily life, to commune with the Lord. She would pour out her heart in prayer, her soul uplifted by the sense of divine presence that surrounded her. These moments of solitude and reflection were precious to Mary, fortifying her spirit and guiding her actions.

Mary's faith was not confined to her private moments of devotion; it permeated every aspect of her life. She treated each person she encountered with kindness and compassion, recognizing the divine image within them. Her gentle spirit and steadfastness in the Lord made her a beacon of light in her community, a source of comfort and encouragement to those in need.

As Mary went about her daily tasks, her thoughts often turned to the Lord, her heart filled with gratitude and praise. She marveled at the beauty of creation, finding in it a reflection of God's love and majesty. Whether drawing water from a well, tending to the garden, or baking bread, Mary's actions were permeated with a sense of sacredness, each one an offering to her Lord.

## Whispers of Destiny

Mary's deep faith and devotion were the foundation of her character, preparing her for the extraordinary journey that lay ahead. She did not yet know the full extent of God's plan for her, but she trusted in His wisdom and goodness, confident that He would guide her steps.

#### A Glimpse of What's to Come

As the sun set over Nazareth, Mary stood at the threshold of her home, gazing out at the horizon. In her heart, she felt a stirring - a sense of anticipation and wonder that she could not yet fully comprehend. The stars began to twinkle in the night sky, each one a reminder of God's promises and the mysteries of His plan.

#### **Embracing the Unknown**

Mary took a deep breath, her soul filled with peace and reverence. She knew that whatever the future held, she would face it trusting in the Lord's guidance. Little did she know that her life was about to change in ways she could never have imagined, and that she would play a pivotal role in the unfolding story of redemption and hope.

With a heart full of grace and a spirit steadfast in faith, Mary embraced the simplicity of her life in Nazareth, unaware of the extraordinary destiny that awaited her.

#### **REFLECT & JOURNAL:**

## 1. Daily Life and Simple Joys

Reflect on a time in your life when you felt a stirring sense of anticipation, much like Mary. What were the simple, daily routines or activities that brought you peace and a sense of purpose during that period? How did your faith guide you through the unknowns and uncertainties of your journey?

## 2. Embracing Faith and Anticipation

Describe a moment when you felt a profound sense of divine presence or guidance, even if you could not fully comprehend the future that awaited you. How did this experience shape your perspective and strengthen your faith?

## Day 2 the annunciation.

#### A Day Like Any Other

The sun cast its golden rays over the hills of Nazareth, bringing life and warmth to the small town. It was a day like any other for Mary, filled with the familiar routines that brought her comfort and joy. She had spent the morning helping her mother in the garden, tending to the herbs and vegetables that would nourish their family. As she worked, her thoughts were filled with prayers of gratitude and praise for the beauty of creation and the blessings in her life.

By mid-afternoon, Mary found herself alone in the quiet of their humble home. The tasks of the day had slowed, and a serene stillness settled over her. She took this moment of solitude to retreat to her favorite spot, a small corner by the window where the sunlight streamed in, casting a warm glow. With a heart full of praise, Mary began to pray, her thoughts lifting to the heavens.

## The Appearance of the Angel Gabriel

As Mary prayed, she felt an indescribable presence fill the room. The air seemed to shimmer with a divine light, and her heart quickened with a mixture of awe and wonder. Before her stood a radiant figure, an angel of the Lord. His countenance was both powerful and gentle, and his eyes shone with a celestial light.

"Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!" the angel said, his voice carrying a melody of divine grace.

Mary's breath caught in her throat, her mind racing to comprehend the vision before her. She had read of angelic visitations in the scriptures, but to experience one herself was beyond her wildest imaginings. Her heart pounded with a mixture of fear and reverence, and she bowed her head in humility.

#### The Announcement of Jesus' Birth

"Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name Him Jesus. He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the throne of His ancestor David. And He will reign over Israel forever; His Kingdom will never end!" <sup>2</sup>

Mary's mind swirled with the magnitude of the angel's words. *A son? The Son of the Most High?* Her thoughts turned to the promises of the prophets, the long-awaited Messiah who would bring salvation to her people. Could it be that she, a simple girl from Nazareth, was chosen to be the mother of this divine child?

"How will this be," Mary asked, her voice trembling with wonder, "since I am a virgin?" 3

The angel Gabriel's gaze was filled with understanding and compassion. "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the Holy One to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth, your relative, is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail." <sup>4</sup>

#### Mary's Acceptance of God's Plan

Mary's heart swelled with a mixture of awe, humility, and a deep sense of divine calling. She felt the weight of the angel's message, yet within her, a profound peace took root. She knew that this was God's plan, and she trusted in His wisdom and goodness.

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary replied, her voice steady and filled with conviction. "May your word to me be fulfilled." <sup>5</sup>

With those words, a sense of divine affirmation filled the room. The angel Gabriel smiled, his countenance radiant with approval, and then he departed, leaving Mary bathed in the afterglow of his presence.

#### Reflections on the Annunciation

In the quiet that followed, Mary sat in contemplation, her heart brimming with gratitude and reverence. She marveled at the enormity of the task before her, yet she felt a deep assurance that the Lord would guide her every step. Her thoughts turned to Elizabeth, her cousin, whose miraculous pregnancy was a testament to God's power and faithfulness.

Mary knew that her journey was just beginning, and she would need to draw upon her faith and trust in the Lord more than ever before. She took comfort in the knowledge that she was not alone. God was with her, and His plans were unfolding in ways she could scarcely imagine.

Rising from her place of prayer with wonder and joy, Mary embraced the plan and path ahead, ready to fulfill the divine calling entrusted to her.

#### **REFLECT & JOURNAL:**

#### 1. Embracing Divine Plans

Reflect on a moment in your life when you felt a strong sense of divine calling or purpose. How did you recognize and embrace this calling? What emotions did you experience, and how did it impact your faith and outlook on life? Consider how you can remain open to God's guidance and trust in His plan for your life and future.

### 2. Discovering God's Presence in Daily Life

Reflect on a time when you felt a profound or divine presence, much like Mary's encounter with the angel Gabriel. How did this experience change you, and what emotions did it stir within you? How did it shape your faith and understanding of God's plans for your life? Write about how you can be more aware of God's presence in your daily life. How can you stay open to the extraordinary possibilities that God has in store for you, even in the midst of routine and simplicity?

## Day 3 a journey of faith.

#### **Setting Out for the Hill Country**

Mary's heart was filled with a mixture of emotions as she prepared for her journey to the hill country of Judea. The angel Gabriel had spoken of Elizabeth's miraculous pregnancy, and Mary felt a deep longing to see her cousin and share in the joy of this divine blessing. With her parents' blessings and the necessary provisions packed, Mary set out on the journey with a sense of divine purpose.

The road to Judea was long and arduous, winding through rugged terrain and bustling villages. Yet, with each step Mary took, she marveled at the unfolding of God's plan. With gratitude and wonder, she continued to pray and reflect on the angel's message. The journey, though physically demanding, became a pilgrimage of faith, drawing her closer to the Lord with every mile.

#### The Arrival and Elizabeth's Welcome

As Mary approached the home of Zechariah and Elizabeth, her heart quickened with anticipation. She had not seen her cousin in many months and wondered how Elizabeth was faring in her unexpected pregnancy. The sight of the humble home brought a sense of familiarity and warmth, and Mary felt a surge of joy as she crossed the threshold.

"Elizabeth!" Mary called out, her voice filled with excitement and love.

Elizabeth, hearing Mary's greeting, turned to face her. At that moment, the child within Elizabeth's womb leaped with joy, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Her eyes shone with divine light as she embraced Mary, her voice ringing with a prophetic proclamation.

"God has blessed you above all women, and your child is blessed. Why am I so honored that the mother of my Lord should visit me? When I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy. You are blessed because you believed that the Lord would do what he said." <sup>6</sup>

At the sound of Elizabeth's words, Mary felt the presence of the Holy Spirit, affirming the divine nature of their meeting. The bond between them, already strong, was now deepened by the shared experience of God's miraculous work in their lives.

## Mary's Song of Praise

In the presence of her beloved cousin, Mary felt a surge of inspiration. Unable to contain the song of praise from deep within, she began to sing—her clear and melodious voice carrying the depth of her faith and the joy of her spirit...

"Oh, how my soul praises the Lord. How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior! For He took notice of His lowly servant girl, and from now on all generations will call me blessed. For the Mighty One is holy, and He has done great things for me. He shows mercy from generation to generation to all who fear Him. His mighty arm has done tremendous things! He has scattered the proud and haughty ones. He has brought down princes from their thrones

and exalted the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away with empty hands. He has helped His servant Israel and remembered to be merciful. For He made this promise to our ancestors, to Abraham and his children forever."<sup>7</sup>

Elizabeth listened, her heart swelling with joy and affirmation at Mary's words. The Magnificat, as it came to be known, was a testament not only to Mary's faith but also her understanding of God's justice and mercy. It was a song that would echo through the ages, a reminder of the divine plan unfolding through humble servants.

#### **Sharing in Joy and Support**

Mary's visit with Elizabeth became a time of mutual support and shared joy. The two women, both chosen by God for extraordinary roles, found solace and strength in each other's company. They spent hours talking, praying, and reflecting on the miraculous events that had brought them together.

Elizabeth, with her wisdom and experience, provided guidance and encouragement to Mary. She shared her own journey of faith, including the challenges and blessings that had come with her unexpected pregnancy. Mary's presence brought Elizabeth comfort and joy, a reminder of the Lord's faithfulness.

For Mary, the time spent with Elizabeth was a period of preparation and affirmation. She gained a deeper understanding of her role in God's plan, her heart fortified by the love and support of her cousin. The bond they shared

became a source of strength, a testament to the power of faith and the importance of community.

#### **Returning Home with Renewed Faith**

As the months passed, the time came for Mary to return to Nazareth. Her heart was filled with gratitude for the time spent with Elizabeth, and she felt a renewed sense of purpose. The journey back to Nazareth, though long, was filled with thoughts of the Lord's promises and the miraculous events that were unfolding.

Mary returned to her home, ready to embrace the path that lay ahead. She knew that the journey would not be easy, but she trusted in the Lord, and now carried with her the memories of her time with Elizabeth, the words of the Magnificat, and the assurance of God's unwavering love.

#### **REFLECT & JOURNAL:**

## 1. Supporting Loved Ones on Their Journey

Reflect on a time when you offered support and encouragement to a loved one who was embarking on a significant journey or facing a challenging situation, similar to Mary's visit to Elizabeth. How did your presence and words impact them? What did you learn about the importance of offering support and being present for others during critical moments? Consider ways you can continue

to be a source of strength and encouragement for those around you.

## 2. Singing Your Song of Praise

Mary's song of praise is a powerful expression of gratitude and faith. Reflect on your own "song of praise" (the ways in which you express gratitude and celebrate the blessings in your life). What are you most grateful for, and how do you give thanks for these blessings? Consider writing your own song or prayer of praise, highlighting the specific ways in which you have experienced God's grace and goodness.

## Day 4 expecting a miracle.

#### Joseph's Dilemma

Joseph paced the small workshop, the weight of his thoughts heavier than the tools of his trade. Betrothed to Mary, he had been filled with dreams of their future—until the shocking news of her pregnancy shattered them. The law was clear, and so were the whispers of neighbors. Yet, Joseph's heart wrestled with the decision, his love for Mary battling with his sense of righteousness.

#### A Divine Encounter

In the quiet of the night, as Joseph lay on his pallet, sleep eluded him. His prayers seemed to drift into the darkness, unanswered. But then, a light broke through his despair. An angel of the Lord appeared, radiant and reassuring, dispelling his doubts with divine authority.

## The Angel's Message

"Joseph, son of David," the angel's voice was like the soft rumble of distant thunder, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." 8

## Joseph's Resolve

Joseph awoke with a start, the angel's words echoing in his heart. He knew now that his path was clear. God had chosen him not only to protect Mary but to be a father to Jeus. His fears dissolved into a steadfast resolve. He would obey, no matter the cost, trusting in the Almighty's plan.

#### A Faithful Commitment

With the dawn, Joseph's steps were sure. He found Mary, her eyes weary but filled with an unshaken faith. Taking her hand, he decided that they would faithfully walk this path together.

#### The Journey to Bethlehem

The decree from Caesar Augustus reached every corner of the Roman Empire, including the small town of Nazareth. Each family was required to return to their ancestral home for a census. For Joseph, this meant a challenging journey to Bethlehem, with Mary, who was in the advanced stages of pregnancy. The journey was long and arduous, yet, her heart was filled with a serene faith, trusting in the Lord's guidance and protection.

The road to Bethlehem was bustling with travelers, each on their own mission to comply with the emperor's command. Mary rode on a donkey while Joseph walked beside her, his eyes a mix of concern and deep affection. The days were filled with the steady rhythm of footsteps and the hum of conversation, while the nights brought a canopy of stars and the soft whisper of prayer.

As they approached Bethlehem, the town was alive with activity, its inns and homes filled with visitors. Joseph and Mary searched tirelessly for a place to stay, but every door

they knocked on brought them the same answer: "there's no room." Despite the exhaustion and uncertainty, Mary's faith remained unshaken; her devotion to the Lord continually providing hope amidst the challenges.

#### The Stable

Finally, after what felt like an eternity of searching, a kind innkeeper took pity on the weary couple. Though he had no room in the inn, he offered them the use of a stable—a humble shelter for the animals, but a refuge nonetheless. Grateful for the shelter, Joseph led Mary to the stable, helping her settle among the straw and the warmth of the animals.

The stable was simple and unadorned, yet it provided a quiet sanctuary where Mary could rest. As the night deepened, the first signs of labor began, and Joseph's heart quickened with a mixture of anticipation and concern. He did all he could to comfort Mary, his prayers mingling with hers as they awaited the arrival of their child.

#### **REFLECT & JOURNAL:**

## 1. Trusting God Amidst Uncertainty

Reflect on a time when you faced a difficult decision, much like Joseph did when he learned of Mary's pregnancy. How did you wrestle with your thoughts and emotions? What role did your faith play in guiding you through that

challenging period? Write about how you sought God's guidance and how His presence brought clarity and peace to your situation. Consider how you can apply this experience to future uncertainties, trusting in God's plan even when the path ahead seems unclear.

## 2. Facing Life's Journey with Faith

Reflect on a significant journey or transition in your life that required you to rely on your faith and trust in God's guidance, similar to Mary's journey to Bethlehem. How did you navigate the challenges and uncertainties along the way? What resources or support systems helped you stay grounded in your faith? Consider how this experience has shaped your perspective on trusting God during life's transitions.

## Day 5 the birth of jesus.

#### The Miraculous Birth

In the stillness of the night, the miracle unfolded. Mary's labor was intense, yet she felt a divine presence enveloping her, granting her strength and peace. The hours passed in a blur of pain and prayer, until finally, the cry of a newborn pierced the night.

With hands trembling with reverence, Joseph gently wrapped the infant in swaddling cloths, marveling at the tiny, perfect form of their son. Mary gazed at the child with eyes full of love. She knew that this was no ordinary child. This was Jesus, the Son of the Most High, the Savior of the world.

Mary cradled the baby in her arms, her soul singing a silent hymn of praise. She marveled at the wonder of this moment, the fulfillment of the angel's prophecy, and the immense privilege bestowed upon her. The stable, humble and unremarkable, had become the birthplace of the King of Kings.

## The Shepherds' Visit

As Mary and Joseph gazed at their newborn son, a sudden commotion outside the stable caught their attention. A group of shepherds, their faces alight with excitement and reverence, approached, eager to see the child. Then, suddenly, God's angel appeared, and the glory of the Lord shone all around them.

"Don't be afraid!" the angel reassured them. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!" 9

With a host of angels appearing in the night sky and an angelic choir proclaiming the birth of the Savior, the air was filled with their songs of praise, proclaiming the glory of God and the peace He brought to the world. The miraculous events of the night had not gone unnoticed—God's message of hope and salvation was already spreading. The shepherds knelt before the manger, their hearts overflowing with praise.

#### Mary's Reflections

As the shepherds departed, their voices lifted in joyful worship, Mary sat in quiet reflection. The events of the night had been extraordinary, each moment a testament to God's unfathomable grace and love. She gazed at the sleeping baby in her arms, marveling at the miracle of His birth and the incredible journey that lay ahead.

Mary felt a whirlwind of emotions: gratitude, awe, humility, anticipation, and a profound sense of responsibility. She knew that her life, and the life of her child, would never be the same. Yet, her faith remained unshaken, her trust in the Lord's plan steadfast.

With each gentle breath of the sleeping infant, Mary felt a renewed sense of purpose. She had been chosen for this extraordinary role, and she would embrace it with all her heart.

#### A New Beginning

As dawn approached, casting a soft glow over Bethlehem, Mary and Joseph held their son, Jesus, close. The stable, once a humble shelter, had become a place of divine wonder—a new beginning for them and for the world.

In this sacred moment, Mary whispered a silent prayer of gratitude. She knew that the journey ahead would be filled with challenges and trials, but she also knew that they were not alone. The Lord was with them, and she trusted in His unfailing love and wisdom.

With a heart full of grace and a spirit steadfast in faith, Mary embraced the miraculous birth of her son, ready to fulfill the divine calling entrusted to her. The night of wonder had given way to a new day, and the story of redemption was just beginning.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Luke 1:28

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Luke 1:30-33

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Luke 1:34

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Luke 1:35-38

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Luke 1:38

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Luke 1:42-45

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Luke 1:46-55

<sup>8</sup> Matthew 1:20-21

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Luke 2:10-11