

# **Extreme Home Makeover!**

## The Heart of the Home

Luke 1:26-38 (NKJV)

### **1. Mary had some Problems that she Encountered.**

**A. Mary had to deal with a negative reputation.**

**B. Mary had to deal with poverty.**

“No man is poor who has had a godly mother.” – **Abraham Lincoln**

**C. Mary had to face the fact that people hated her child.**

**D. Mary had to raise her children as a single mom.**

**E. Mary had to deal with a child that was rejected & abused.**

**Luke 2:34-35 (NKJV)** 34 Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against 35 (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

### **2. Mary had some Privileges that she Experienced.**

**A. She had a strong commitment to God's will.** Luke 1:38 (NKJV)

38 Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

**B. She had an obedient child.** Hebrews 4:15 (NKJV)

15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin.

**C. Mary had a supportive husband.** Matthew 1:20-21 (NKJV)

20 But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. 21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

**D. Mary had a close, understanding friend.** Luke 1:39-42 (NKJV)

39 Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah, 40 and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. 41 And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42 Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!