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The WAY of the LORD can be TROUBLING (v26-33)

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... and the WILL of the LORD is BINDING (v34-38)

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Thus, the FAITHFUL need not FEAR!

*This link may not be clear to the natural mind ...  
but Luke reveals it for all to see in the details!*

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LUKE 1:26f ... in the 6<sup>th</sup> month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And **Gabriel came to Mary** and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But **Mary was greatly troubled** at the saying and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be.

NAZARETH ... not JERUSALEM?

A BETROTHED VIRGIN ... not the HIGH PRIEST



# The Way of the LORD can be TROUBLING!

LUKE 1:30f ... the angel said to Mary, “Do not be afraid, **for you have found favor with God**. Behold, **you will conceive in your womb and bear a son**, and you shall call his name Jesus.

*He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”*

Mary said to the angel, “**How will this be, since I am a virgin?**”

REJOICE ... but CONFUSING? PROFANE? SCANDALOUS?

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LUKE 1:35f ... the angel, Gabriel answered Mary, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore, the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For **nothing will be impossible with God.**”

HOLY ... not PROFANE

ORDAINED ... not IMPOSSIBLE

# The Will of the LORD is BINDING!

LUKE 1:38 ... and Mary said, “Behold, I am the bondservant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.”

And the angel departed from her.

EXHILARATION ... not RESIGNATION

BOUND to her God ... not bound to her PLAN

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3. Do not be troubled by the unexpected! God is with the faithful – His will binds us to Him in Christ!



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