

# What Real Courage Looks Like

1 John 5:4-5



I learned that  
courage was not the  
absence of fear, but  
the triumph over it.  
The brave man is not  
he who does not feel  
afraid, but he who  
conquers that fear.

Nelson Mandela



For whatever is born of God **overcomes** the world; and this is the victory that has **overcome** the world-- our faith. And who is the one who **overcomes** the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?



*1 John 5:4-5*



# Faith

DOUBT SEES THE OBSTACLES,  
*faith sees the way.*

DOUBT SEES THE DARK OF NIGHT  
*faith sees the day.*

DOUBT DREADS TO TAKE A STEP,  
*faith soars on high.*

DOUBT QUESTIONS, "WHO BELIEVES  
*Faith answers, "I."*

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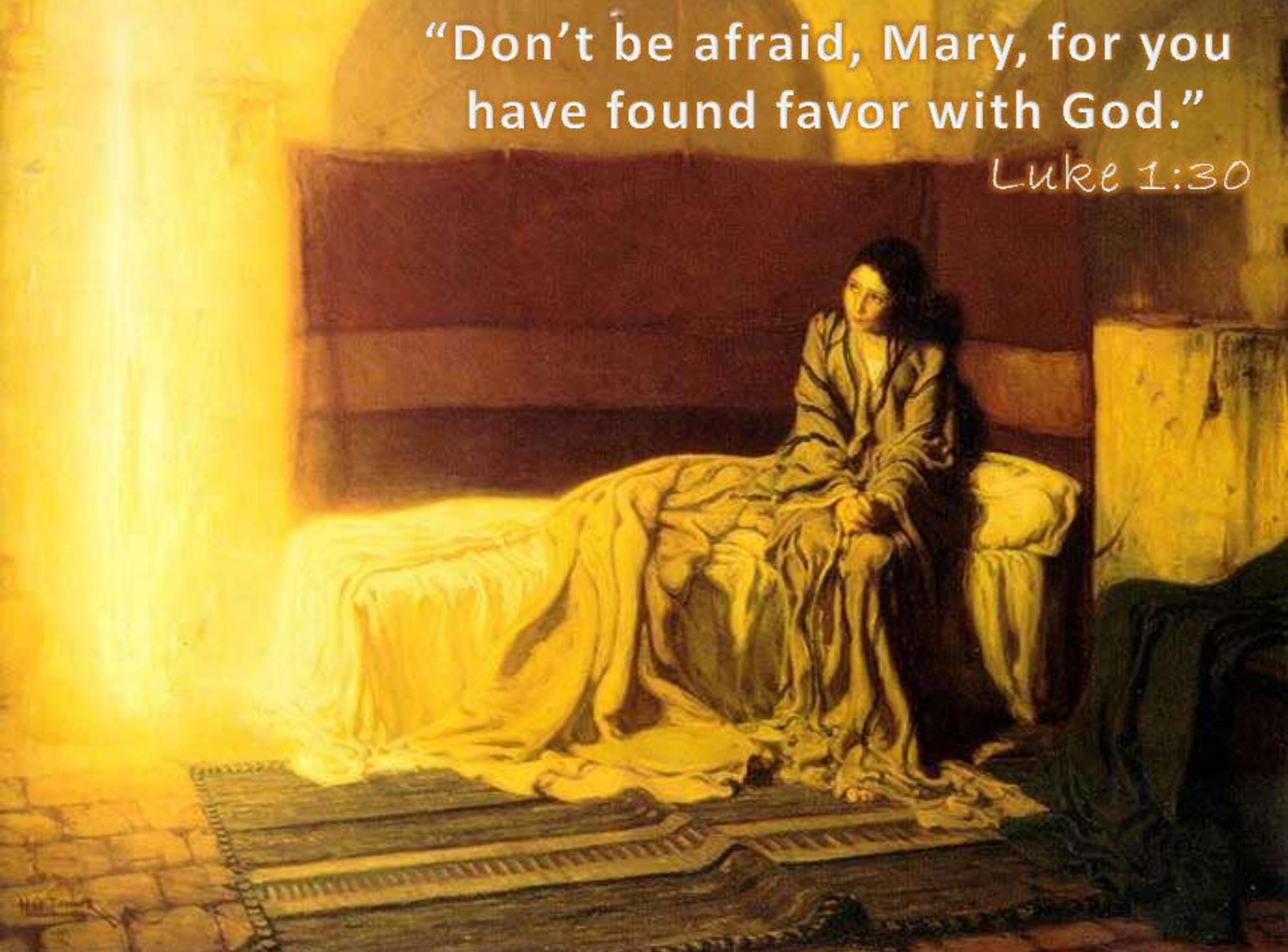
**Who among us doesn't need Courage  
from time to time?**



**LUKE 1:26-38**

“Don't be afraid, Mary, for you  
have found favor with God.”

*Luke 1:30*







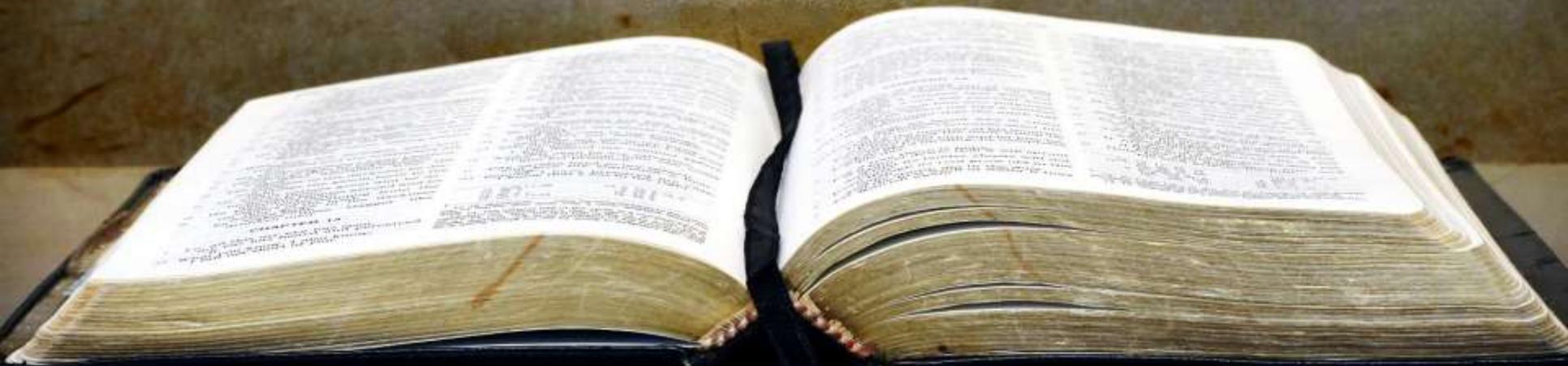
**45 Philip went to look for Nathanael and told him, “We have found the very person Moses and the prophets wrote about! His name is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth.”**

**46 “Nazareth!” exclaimed Nathanael. “Can anything good come from Nazareth?” “Come and see for yourself,” Philip replied.**



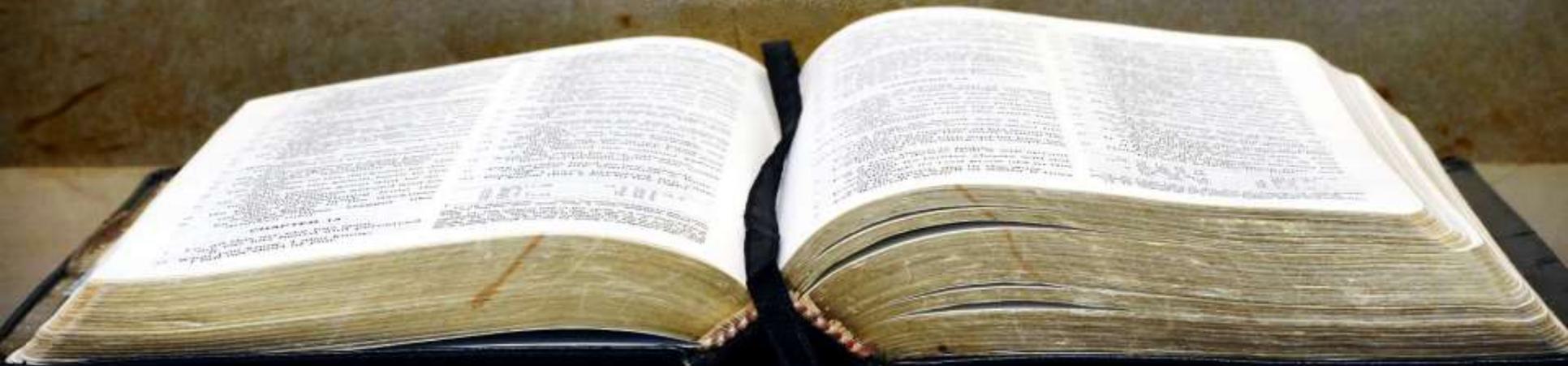
*John 1:45-46 NLT*

**It is impossible to please God without faith.  
Anyone who wants to come to him must  
believe that God exists and that he rewards  
those who sincerely seek him.**



*Hebrews 11:6*

**“Zechariah and Elizabeth were righteous in God’s eyes, careful to obey all of the Lord’s commandments and regulations.”**



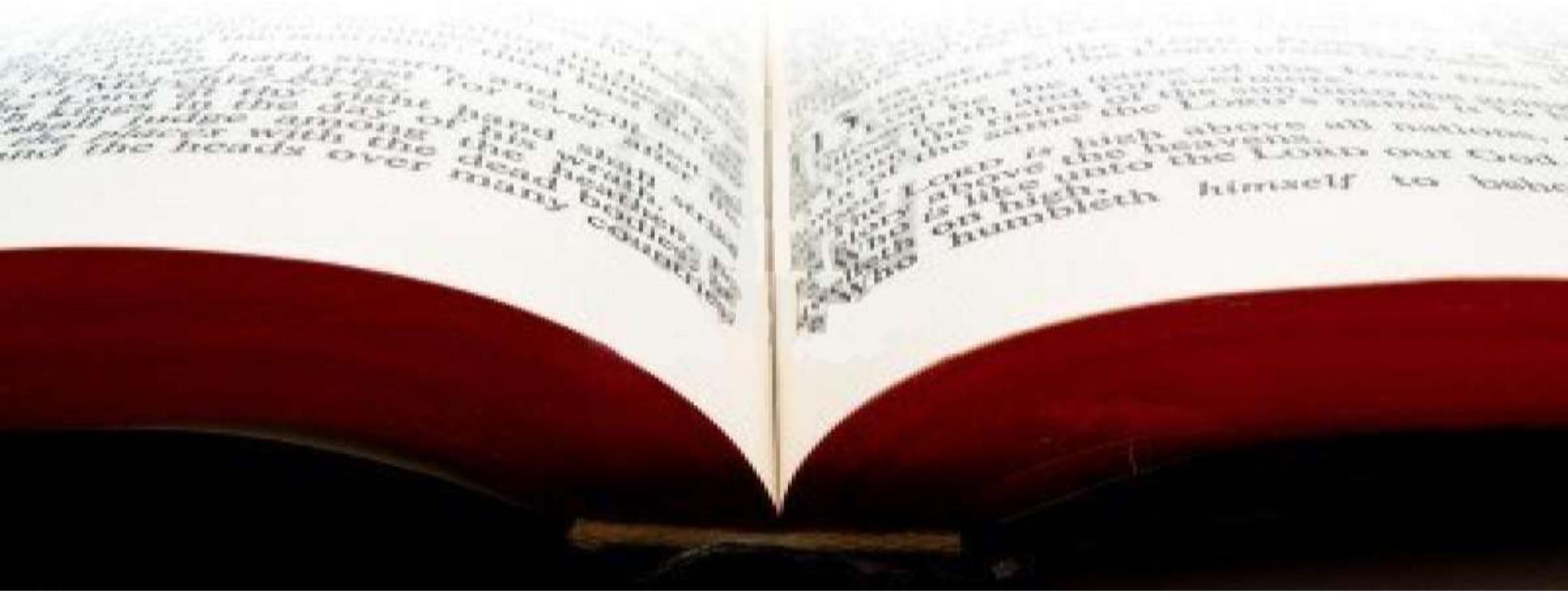
*Luke 1:6*

**"The Holy Spirit will come upon you,**  
*Luke 1:35*



“Mary will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name **Jesus**, for He will save His people from their sins.” Matt. 1:25

“you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call his name **Jesus**. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest...” Lk. 1:31

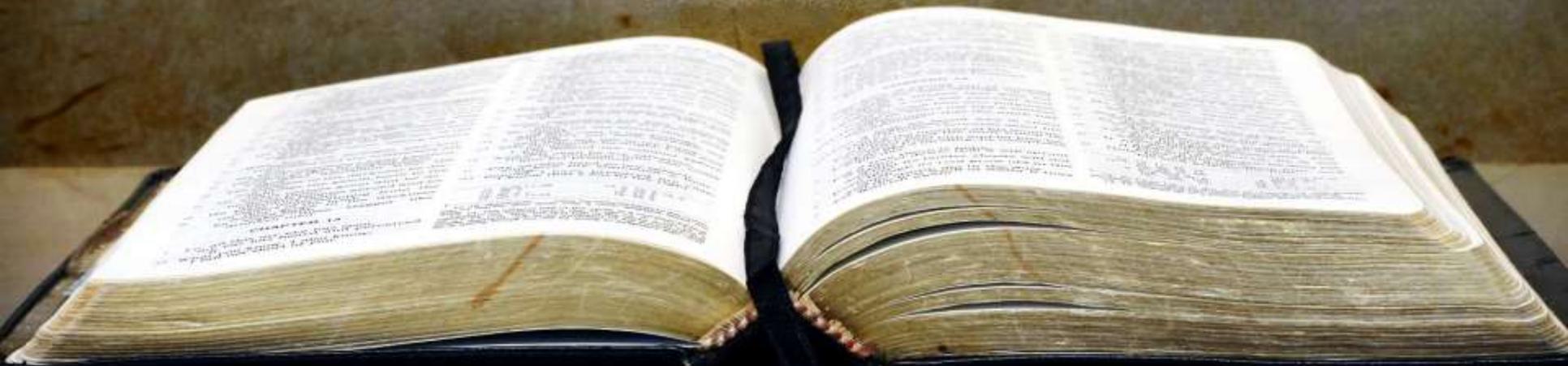




## **MATTHEW 1:23**

**“BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE AND BEAR  
A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL”**

According to Hebrew usage Emmanuel is not a title but a characterization. As the angel characterizes Jesus by saying **“He shall be called the Son of the Highest”** or **“The Son of God”** or **“Emmanuel”**. The prophet and the angel are saying that Jesus will be as God with us.



Hebrews 11:6

“FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN,  
UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN;  
AND THE GOVERNMENT WILL  
BE UPON HIS SHOULDER. AND HIS NAME  
WILL BE CALLED WONDERFUL  
COUNSELOR, MIGHTY GOD,  
EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE.”

ISAIAH 9:6



Behold the maidservant of the Lord!  
Let it be to me according to your word.

**Luke 1:38**

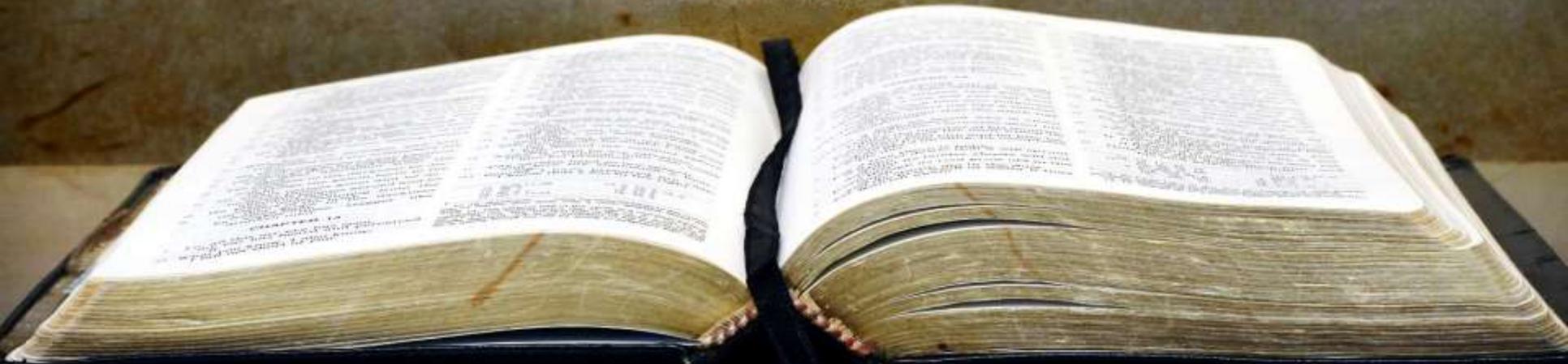




And Mary said,  
“My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices  
in God my Savior,  
for he has looked with favor  
on the lowliness  
of his servant.

Surely, from now on all  
generations will  
call me blessed;  
for the Mighty One has done  
great things for me,  
and holy is his name.  
His mercy is for those  
who fear him from  
generation to generation.

**“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.”**



*Matthew 1:20*

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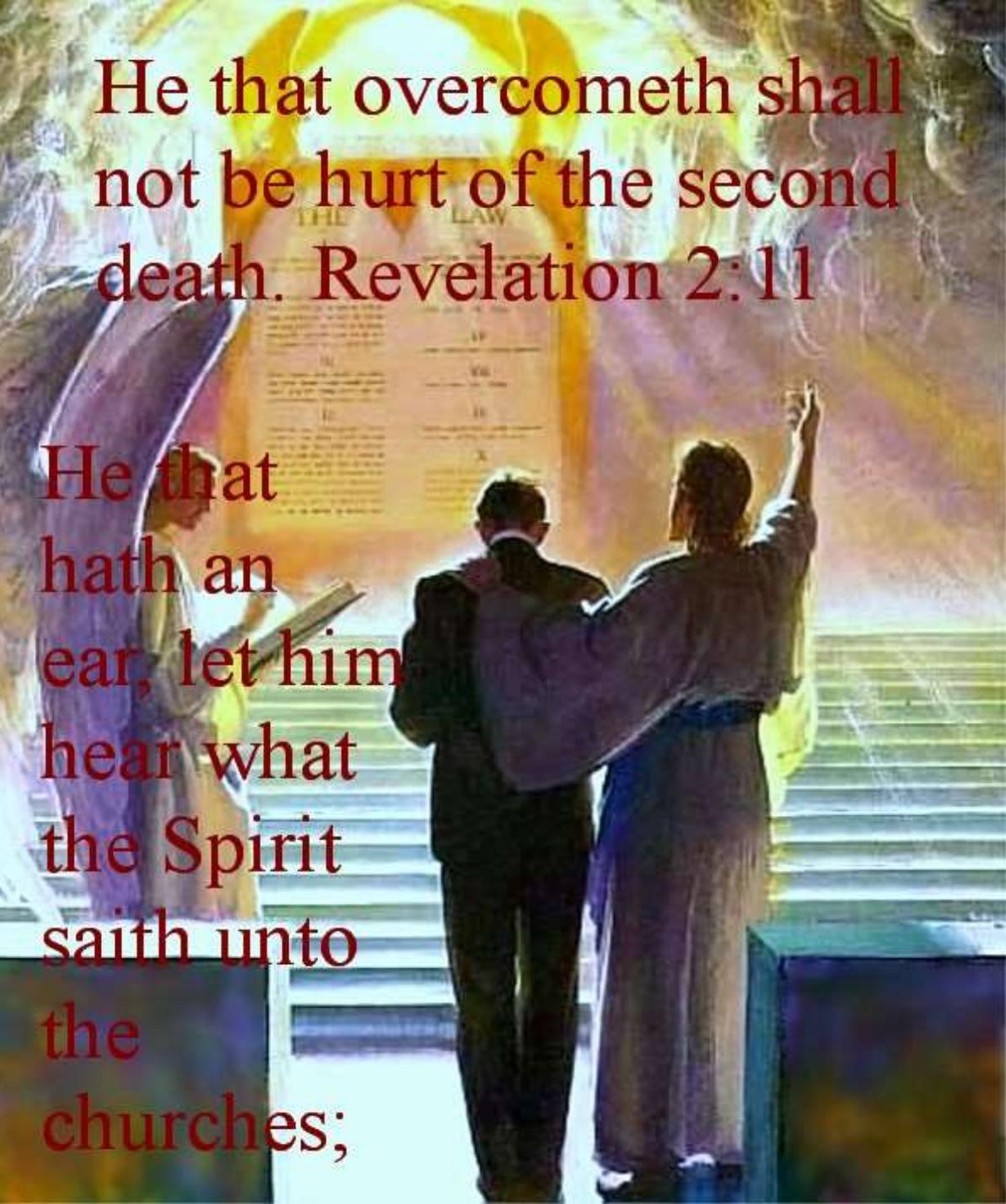
When written in Chinese,  
the word "crisis" is  
composed of two  
characters. One represents  
danger and the other  
represents opportunity.



**John F. Kennedy**

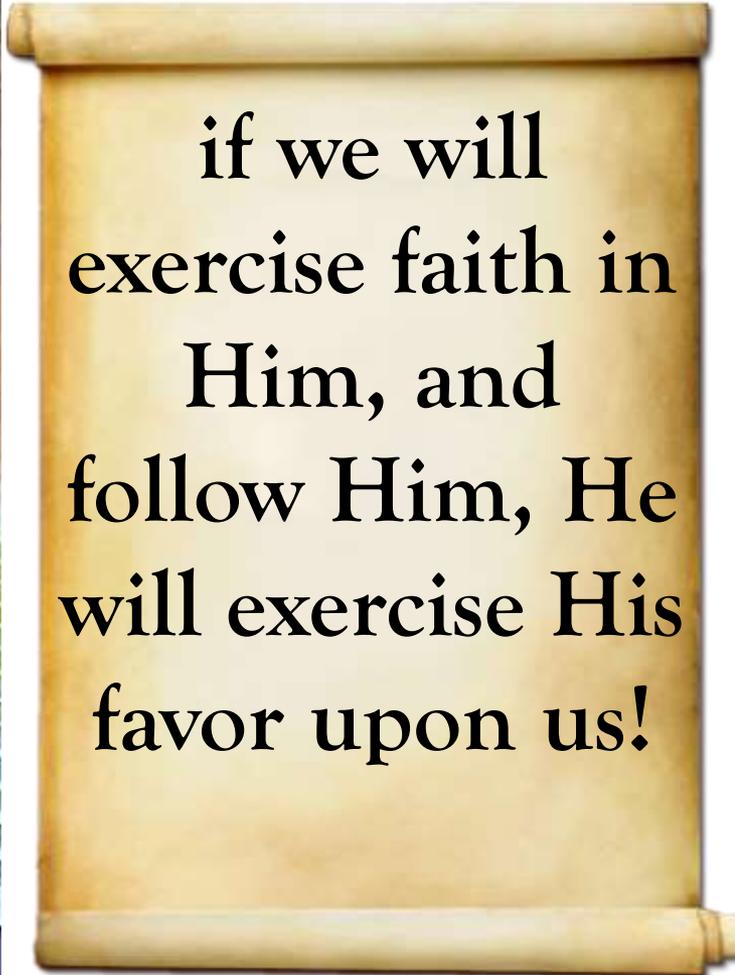
*35th U.S. President*

(1917-1963)



He that overcometh shall  
not be hurt of the second  
death. Revelation 2:11

He that  
hath an  
ear, let him  
hear what  
the Spirit  
saith unto  
the  
churches;



if we will  
exercise faith in  
Him, and  
follow Him, He  
will exercise His  
favor upon us!

But it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that a census should be made of the entire habitable world. The census itself first took place when Cyrenius had the government of Syria. And all went to be inscribed in the census roll, each to his own city: and Joseph also went up from Galilee out of the city Nazareth to Judaea, to David's city, the which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be inscribed in the census roll with Mary who was betrothed to him as his wife, she being great with child. And it came to pass, while they were there, the days of her giving birth to her child were fulfilled, and she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him up in swaddling-clothes and laid him in the manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.



**Luke 2:1**

*"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.*

*And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.*

*And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.*

*For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord*

*And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger"*



**Luke 2:8-12**

*"Where is the one who has been  
born king of the Jews?  
We saw his star in the east  
and have come to worship him"*



*They presented unto him gifts;  
gold, and frankincense, and myrrh*

St Matthew, 2. 1





*Magi from the East come to Jerusalem*



### **Leviticus 12:8 (NKJV)**

<sup>8</sup> And if she is not able to bring a lamb, then she may bring **two turtledoves** or two young pigeons--one as a burnt offering and the other as a sin offering. So the priest shall make atonement for her, and she will be clean.' "

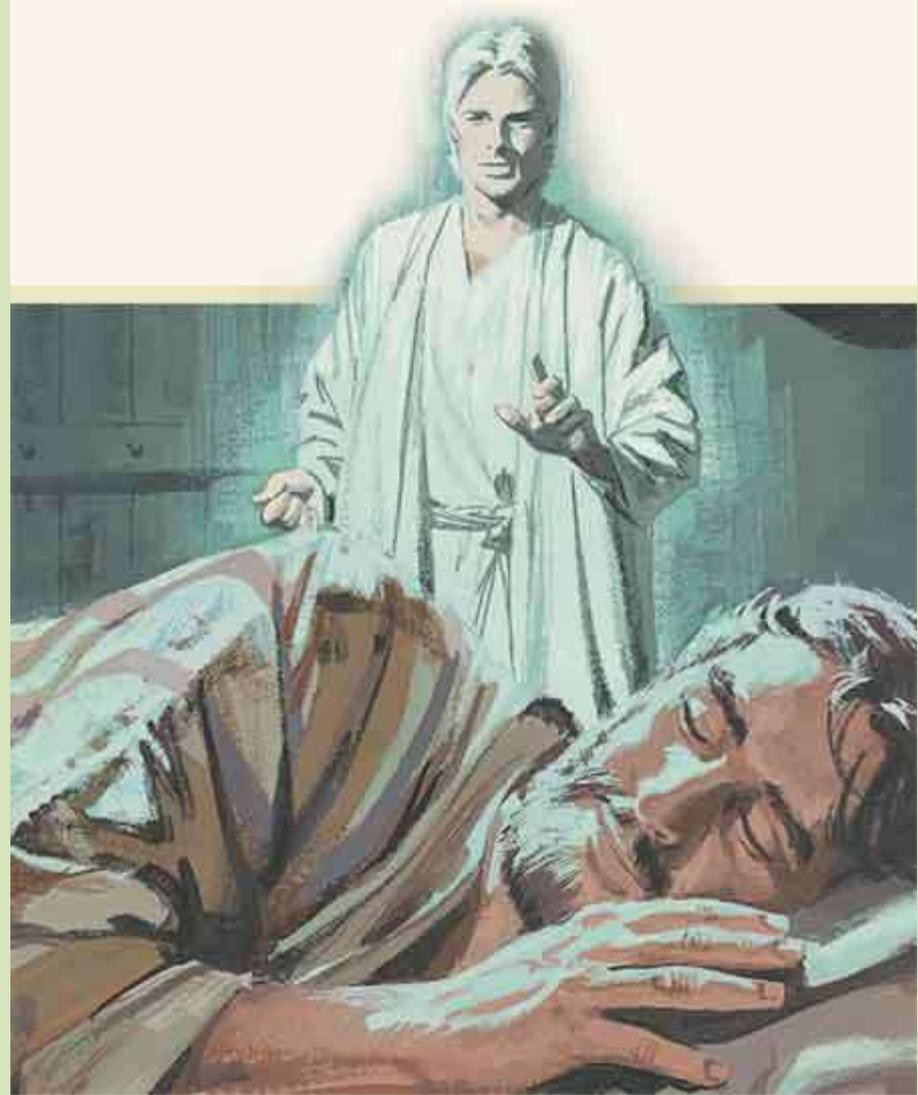
“This child is destined to cause many in Israel to fall, but he will be a joy to many others. He has been sent as a sign from God, but many will oppose him. As a result, the deepest thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. **And a sword will pierce your very soul.**”



## Simeon

Luke 2:34-35 NLT

Flee to Egypt with the child and his mother,” the angel said. “Stay there until I tell you to return, because Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.” That night Joseph left for Egypt with the child and Mary, his mother, and they stayed there until Herod’s death.



## Joseph's Dream

Matthew 2:13-15 NLT

# Joseph travel to Egypt

Matthew 2:13-15







When Jesus saw his mother standing there beside the disciple he loved, he said to her, “Dear woman, here is your son.” And he said to this disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from then on this disciple took her into his home. - John 19:26-27 NLT



Stoning of Stephen



**Our faith must be stretched and exercised!**



No exercise seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. - *Hebrews 12:11*

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