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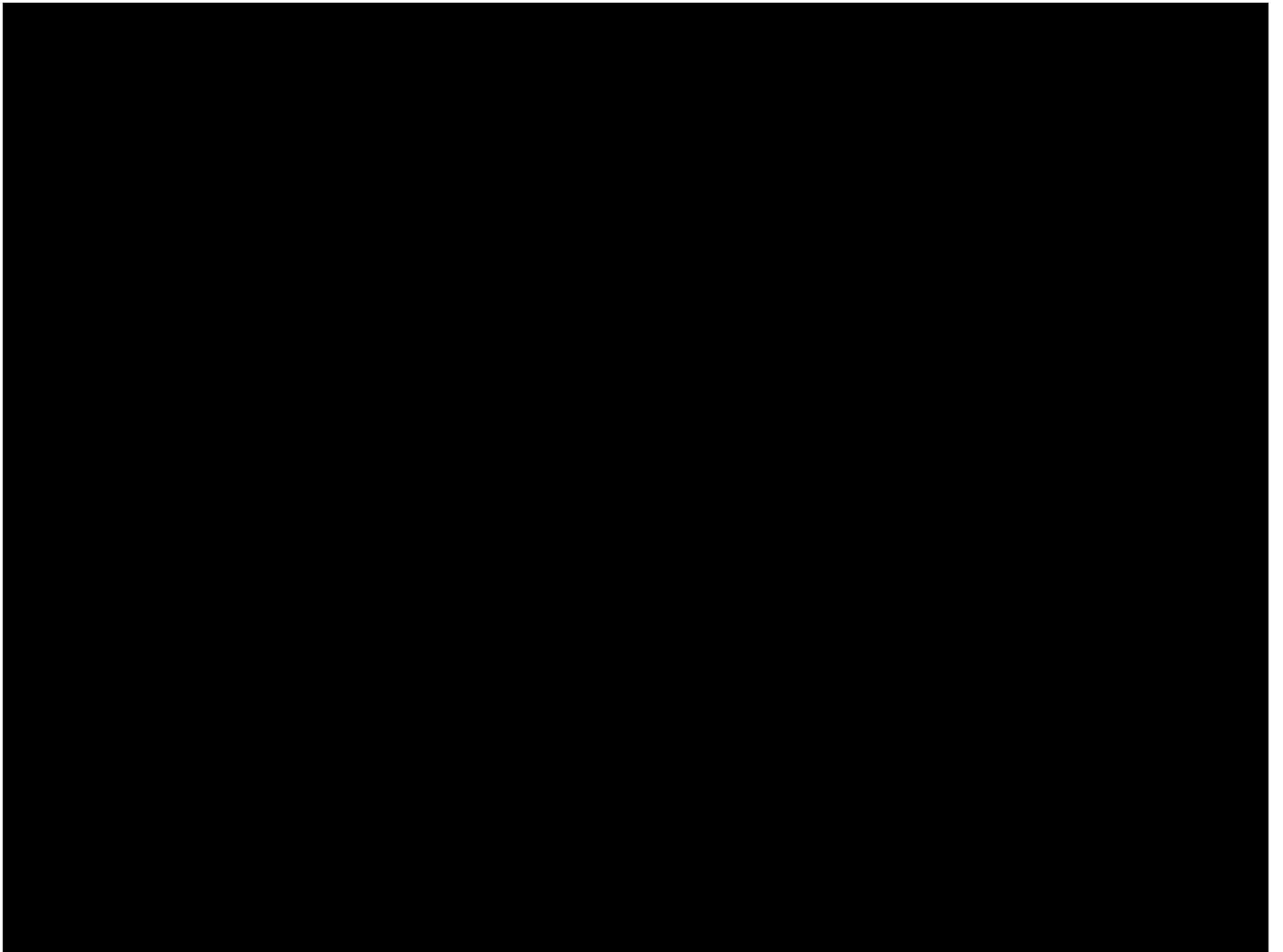
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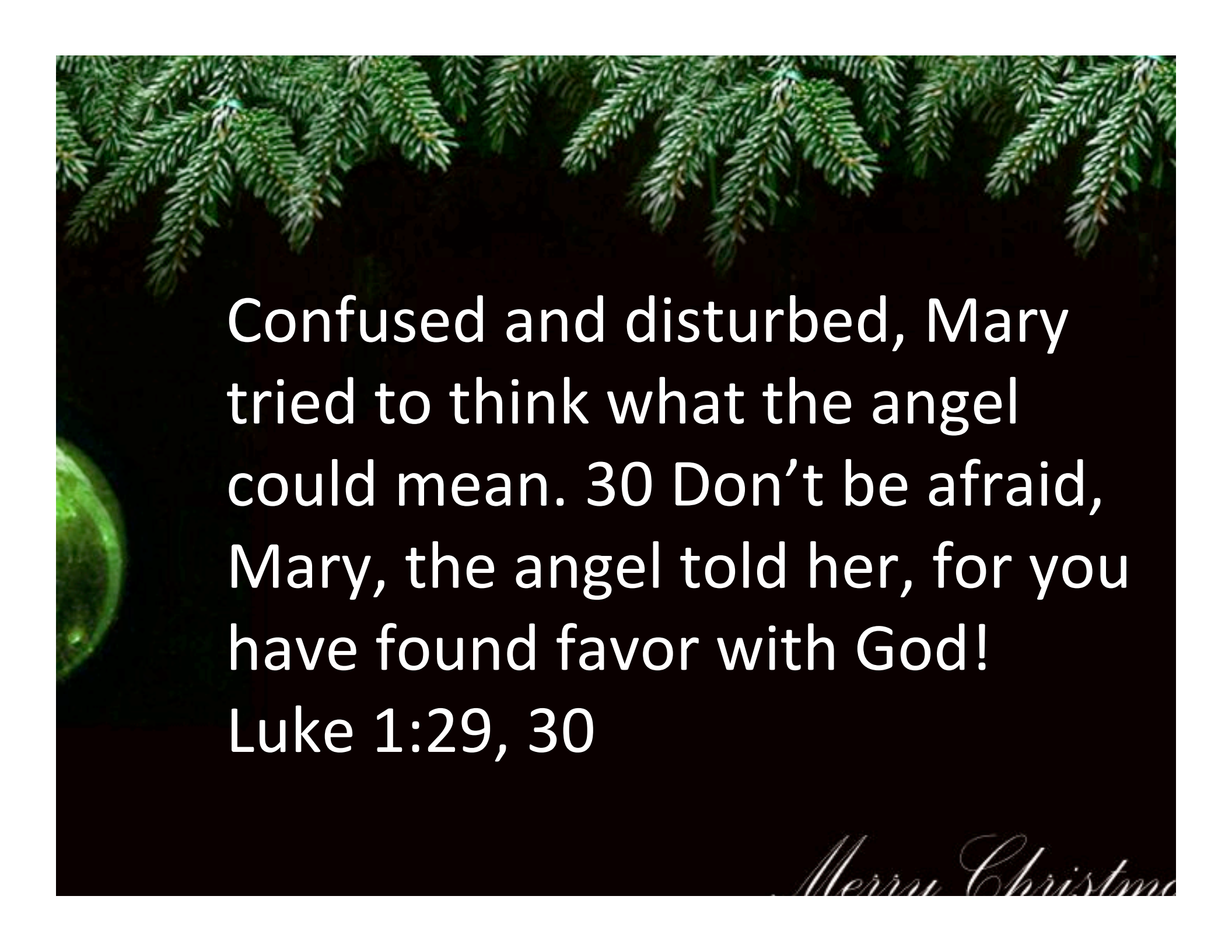
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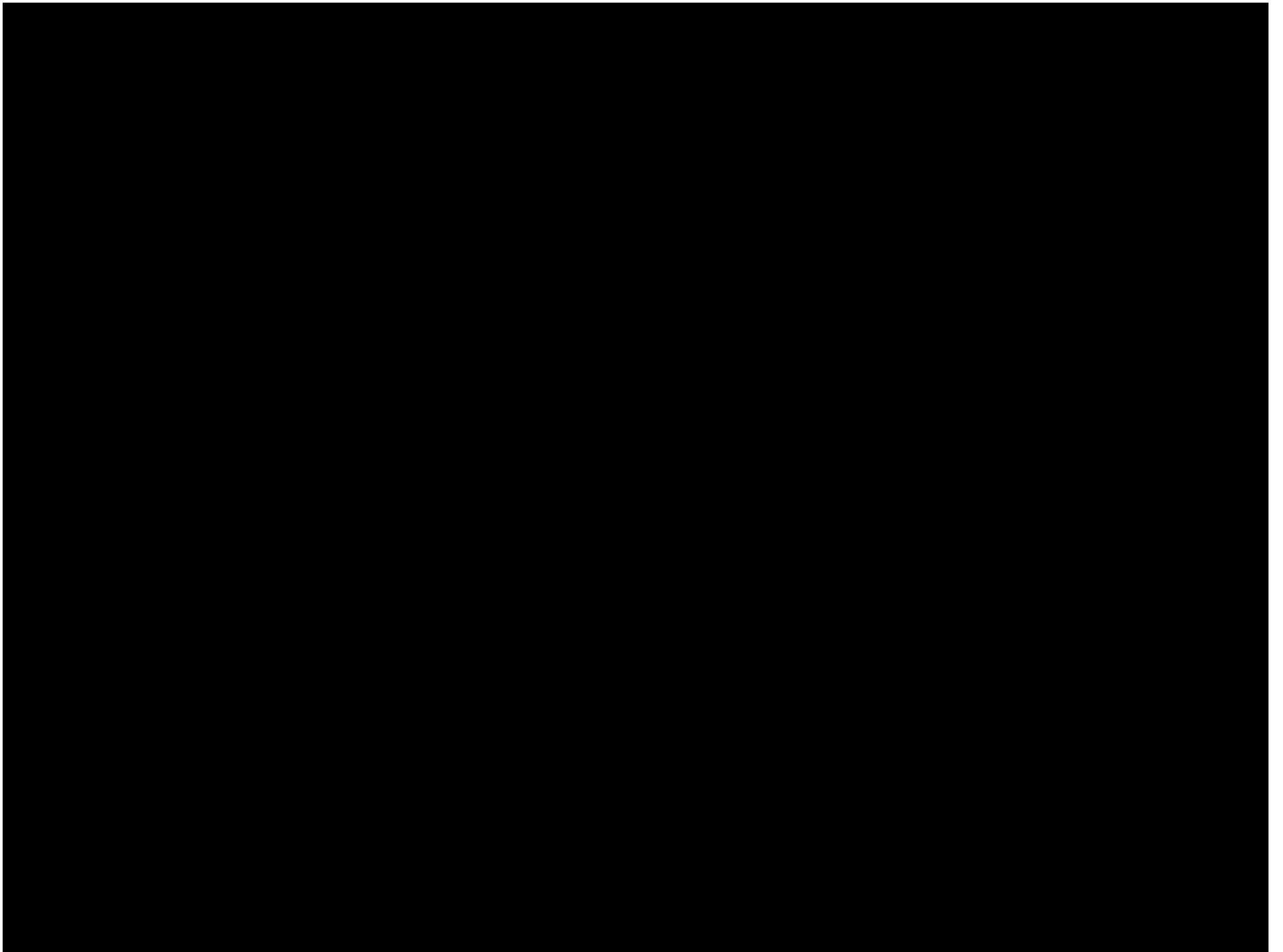
"God sent an angel, Gabriel, to Nazareth, a town of Galilee to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph. The virgin's name was Mary." Luke 1:26,27


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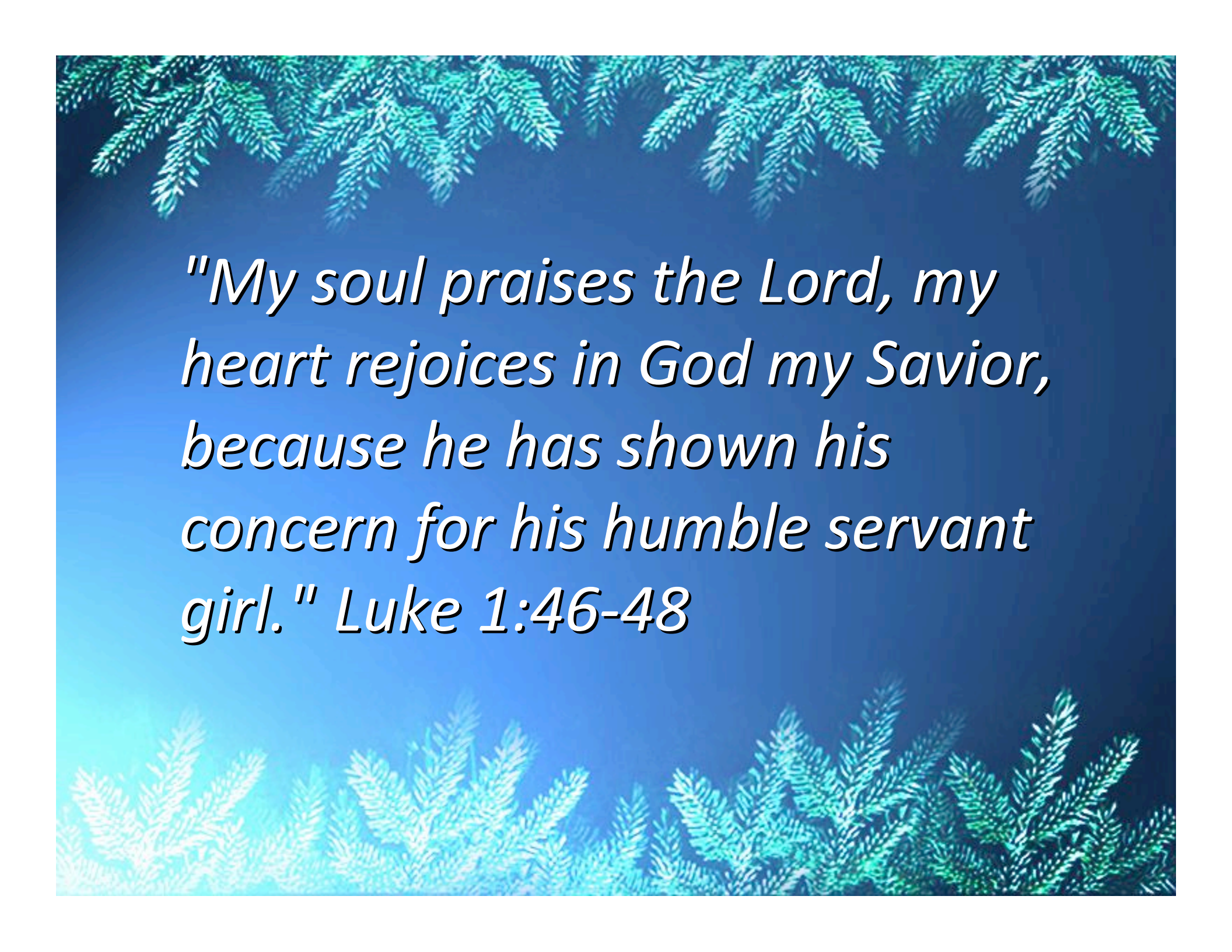
Confused and disturbed, Mary
tried to think what the angel
could mean. 30 Don't be afraid,
Mary, the angel told her, for you
have found favor with God!
Luke 1:29, 30

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Mary responded, “I am the Lord’s servant. May everything you have said about me come true.” And then the angel left her. Luke 1:38



"My soul praises the Lord, my heart rejoices in God my Savior, because he has shown his concern for his humble servant girl." Luke 1:46-48

**God uses people who desire
to do his will.**



1. She's Enthusiastic

*"My soul praises the Lord,
my heart rejoices..."*



2. She's Humble

*"Thank You for thinking of
Your humble servant girl."*





**The point is this:
None of us deserve to be used by God.**

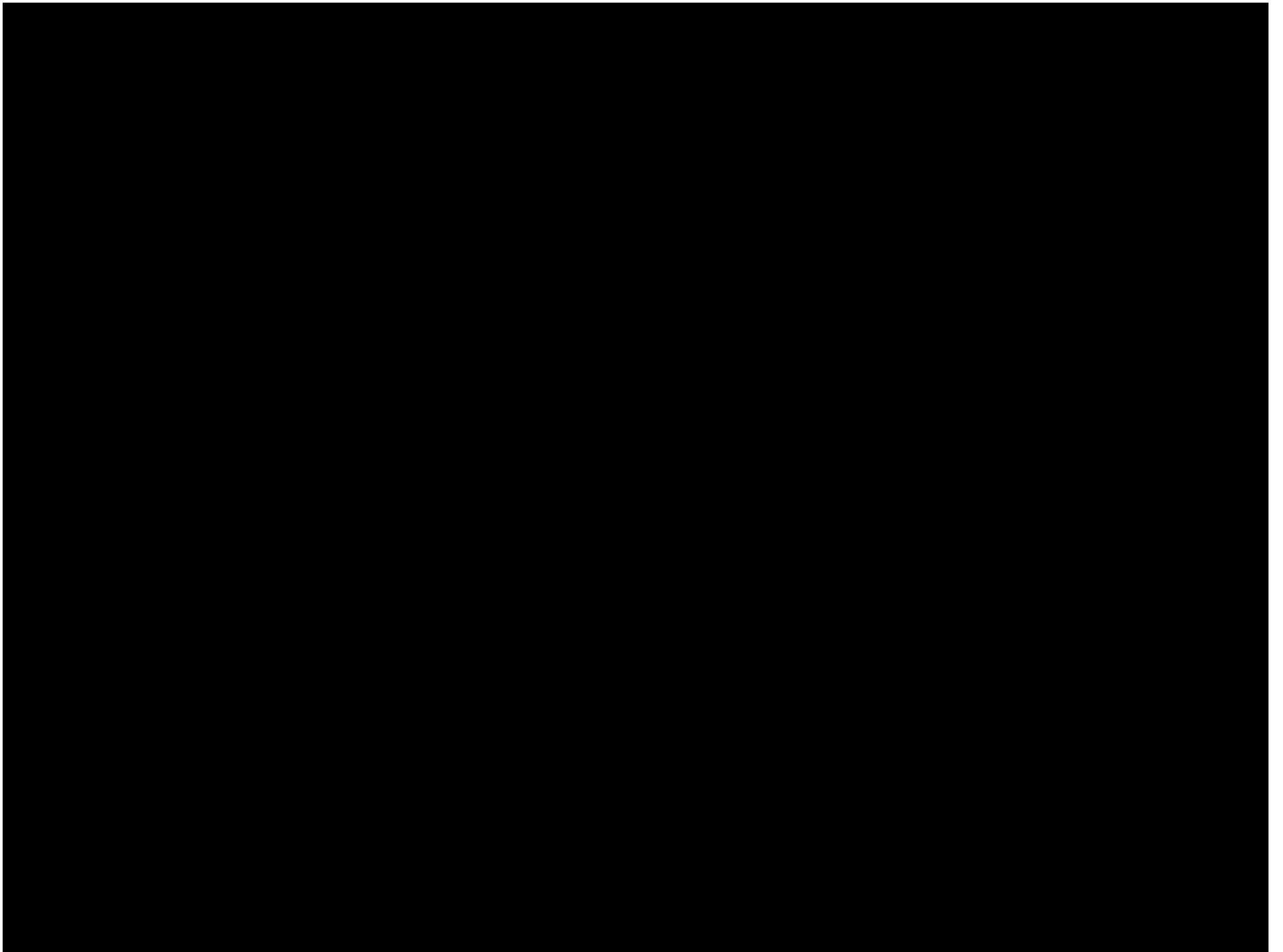
We're all trophies of God's grace.

The first key

if God is going to work in your life

you must desire it.







Luke 2:19

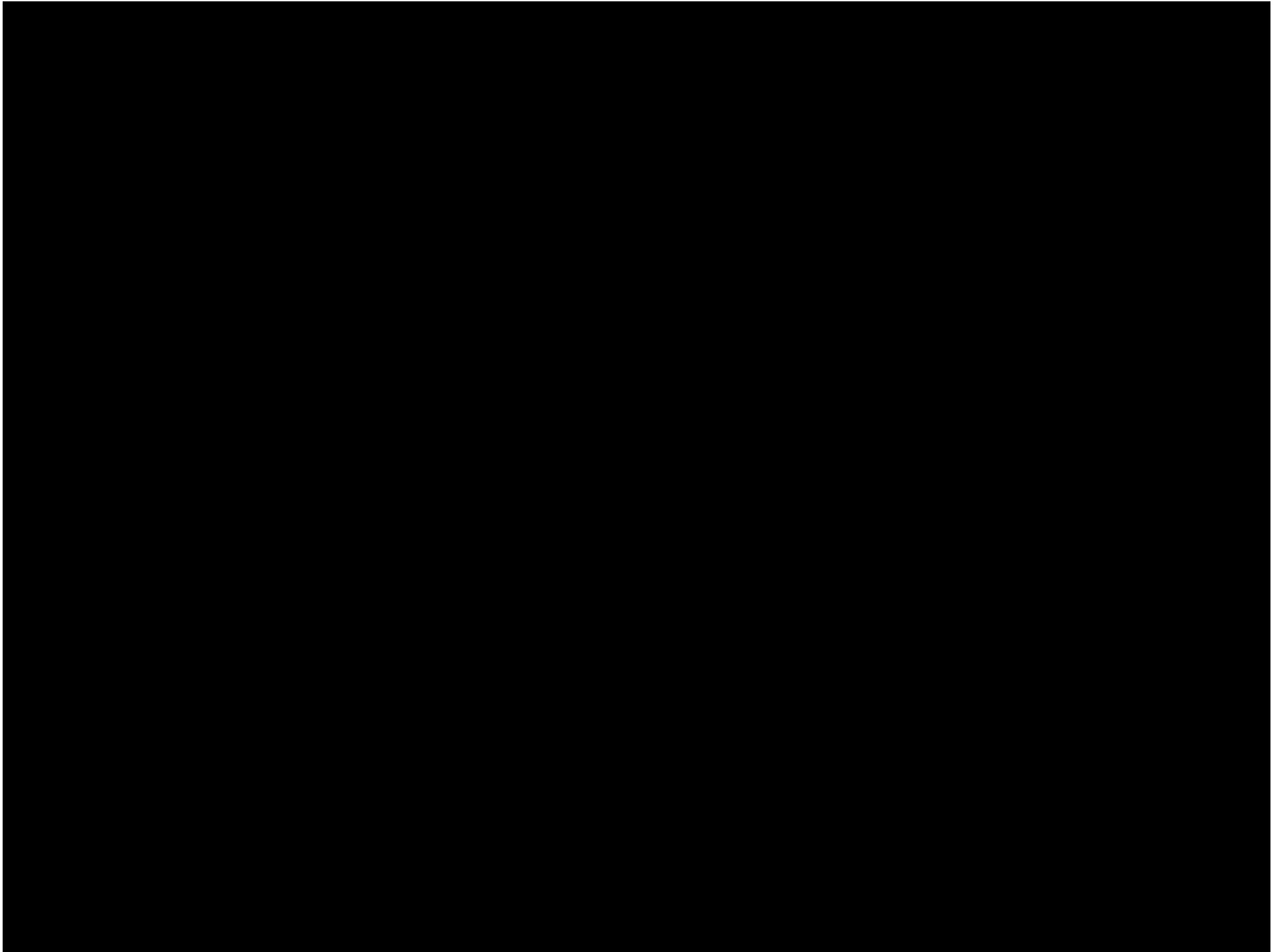
"Mary quietly treasured these things in her heart and often thought about them."

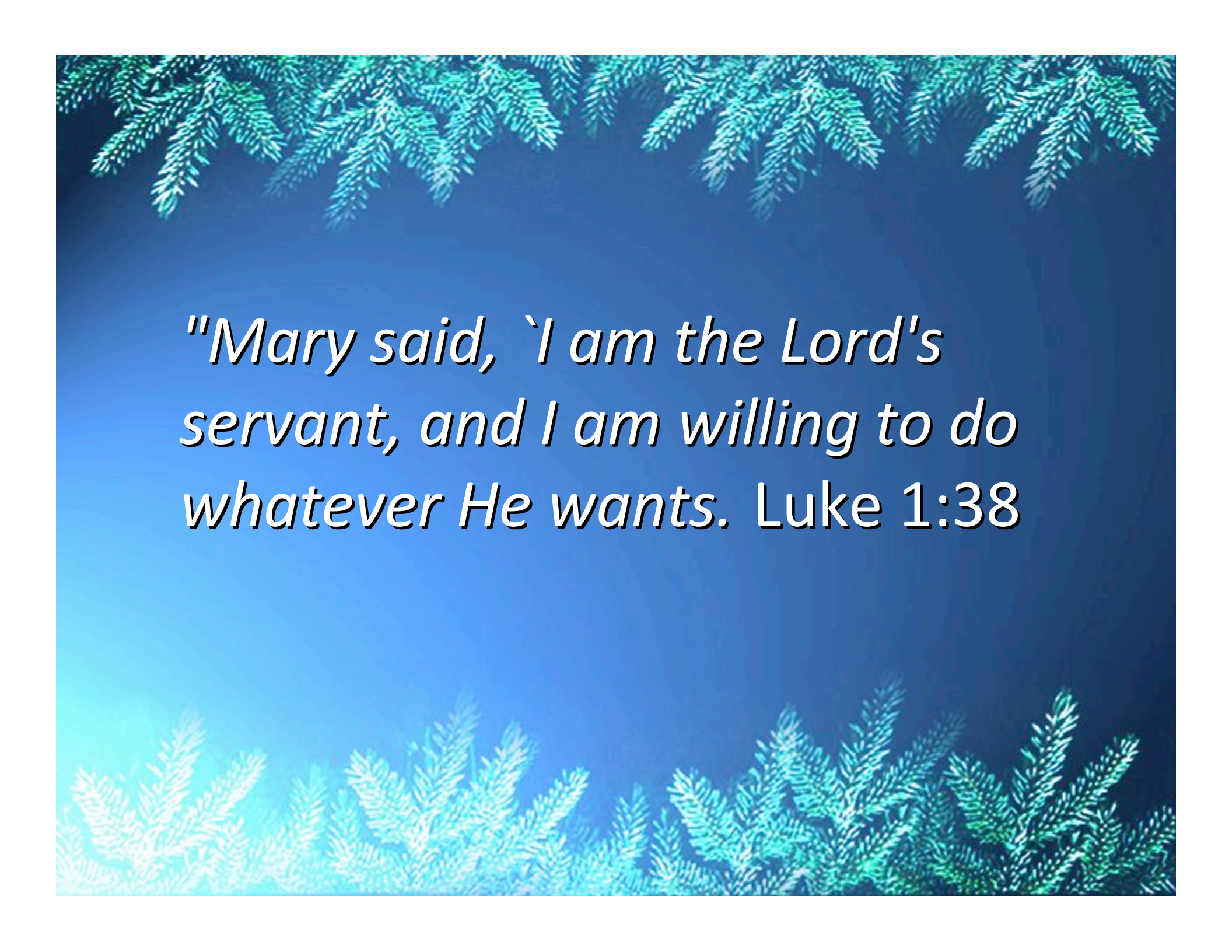
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*"Seek first His kingdom and
His righteousness and all
these other things will be
added unto you."*

Matthew 6:33







*"Mary said, 'I am the Lord's
servant, and I am willing to do
whatever He wants. Luke 1:38*

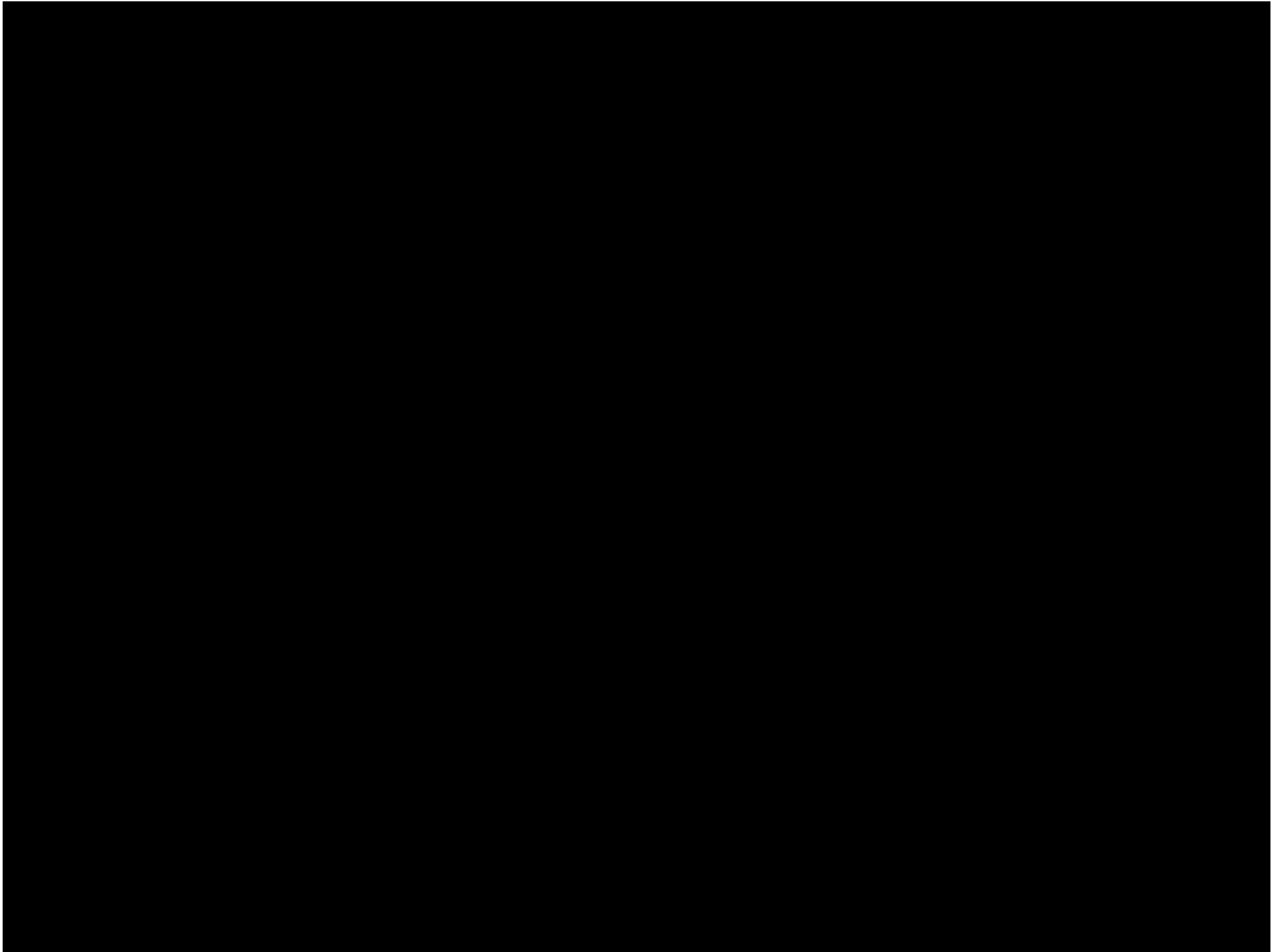
**God uses people who
accept the cost
of following Him**





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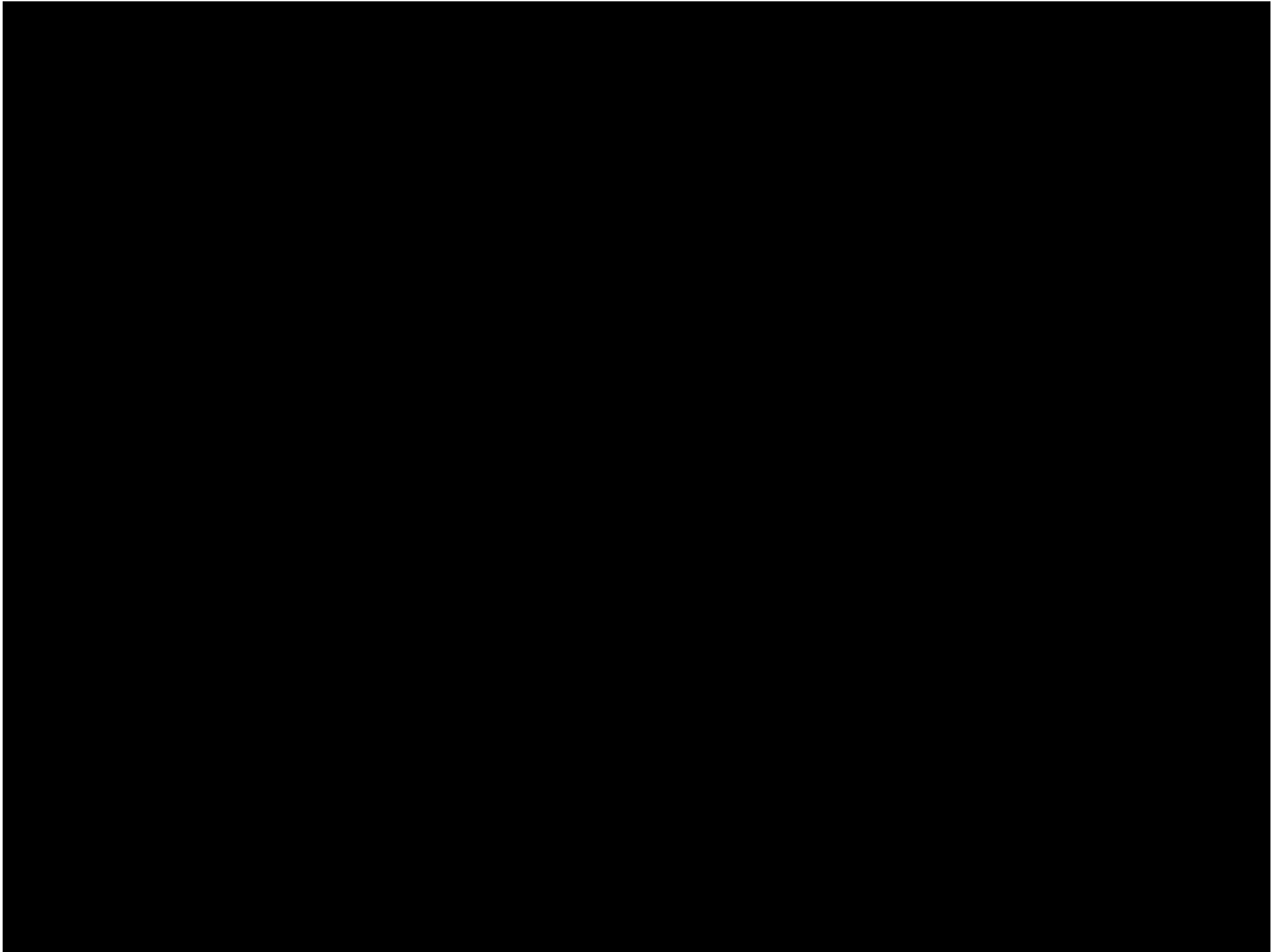
If you get serious about God's
plan for your life there
will be people who'll
misunderstand you



And if you do not carry your own
cross and follow me, you cannot
be my disciple.28 But don't begin
until you count the cost.

Luke 14:27,28







Luke 1:34-35, 37

"Mary asked the angel 'But how can I have a baby? I am a virgin.' The angel replied, 'The Holy Spirit shall come upon you, and the power of God shall overshadow you. For every promise from God shall surely come true.'"

God uses people who act on His Promises



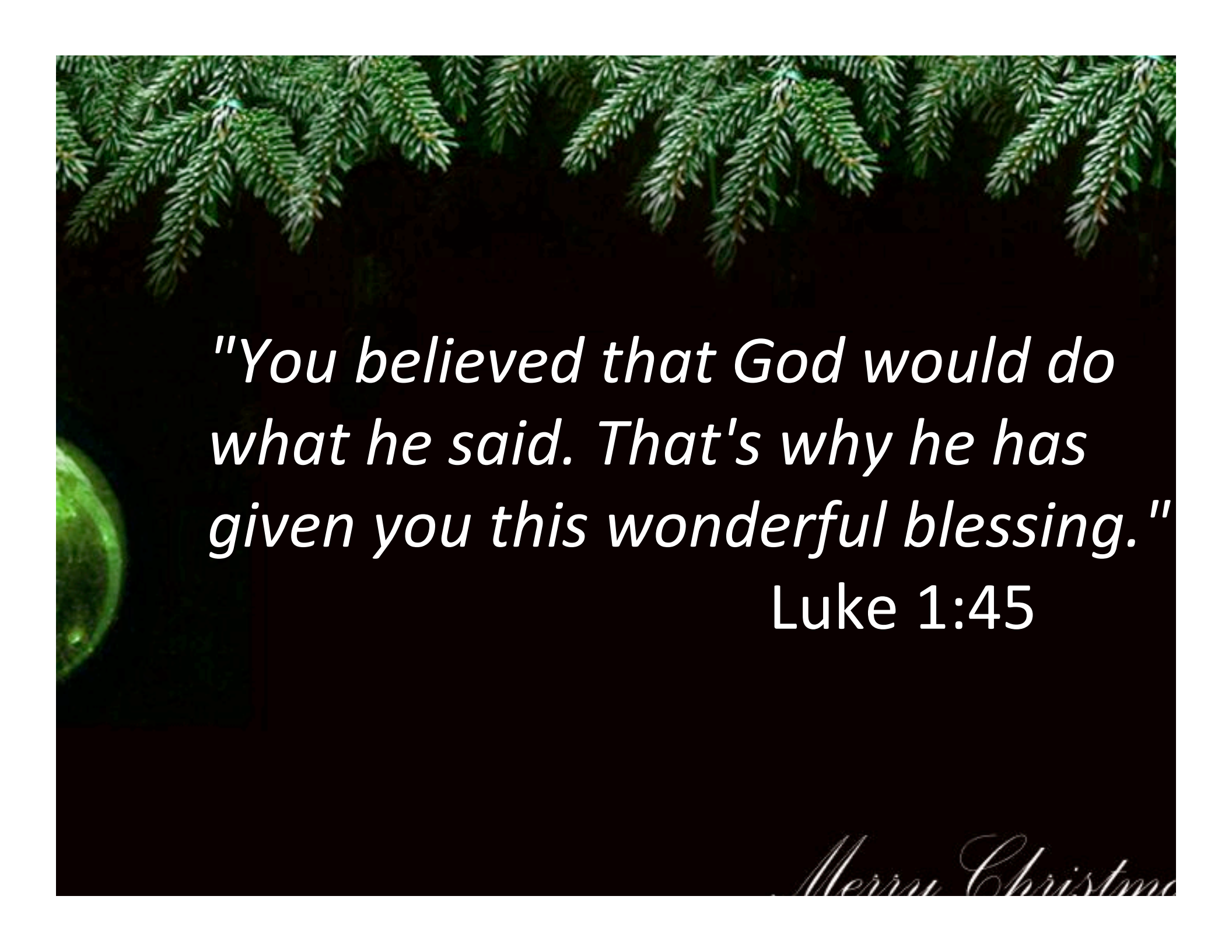


The point is this:
Don't take shortcuts,
wait on God.

Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant.

Galatians 6:7

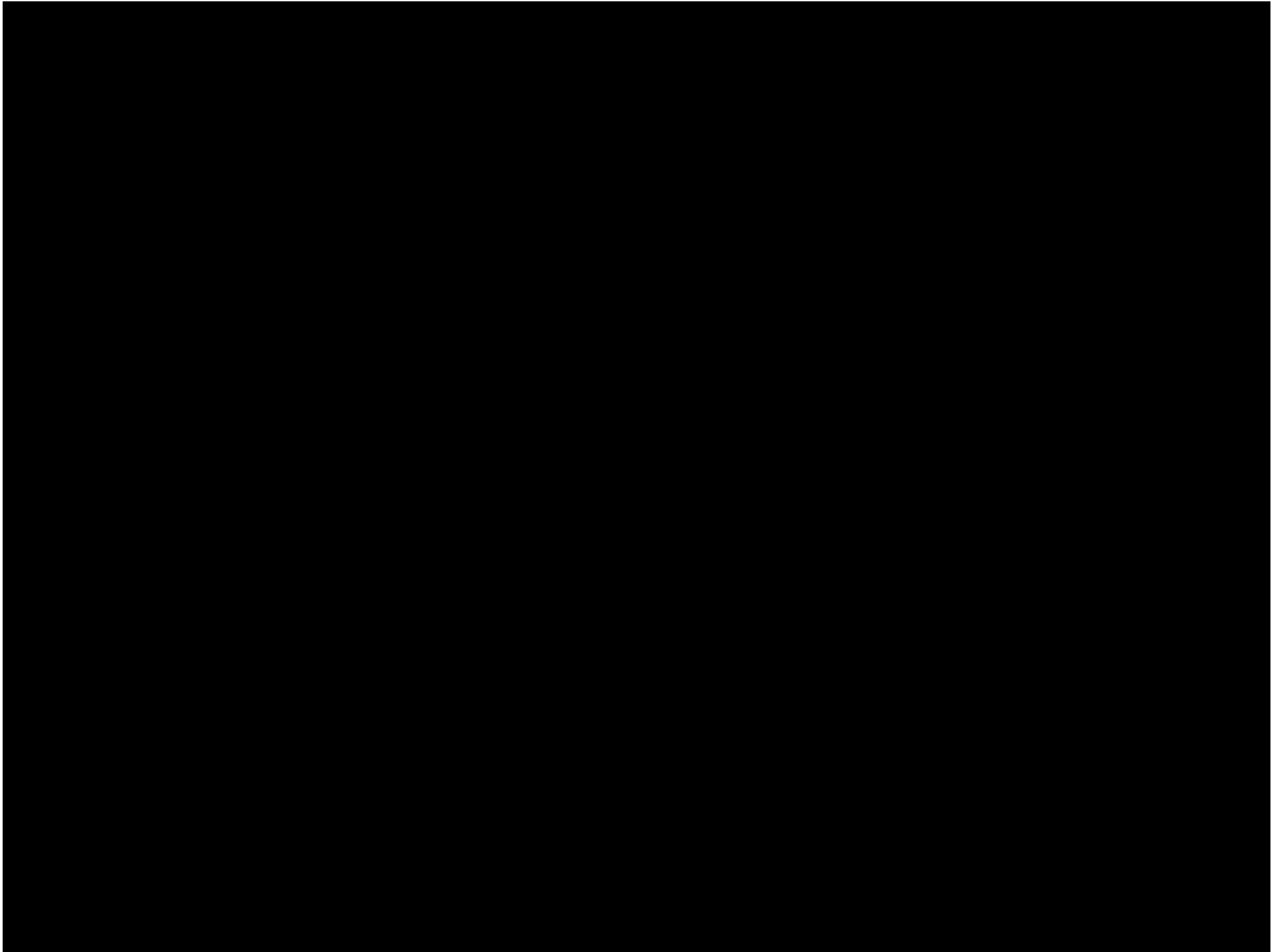




"You believed that God would do what he said. That's why he has given you this wonderful blessing."

Luke 1:45

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**The secret of overcoming the fear
of the unknown is by focusing
on what you do know.**



We know God loves you



We know you matter to God



We know God has your best
interests at heart.



**What are you
going to give
Jesus for
Christmas?**

A Savior is Born

