

To a Maid Engaged to Joseph

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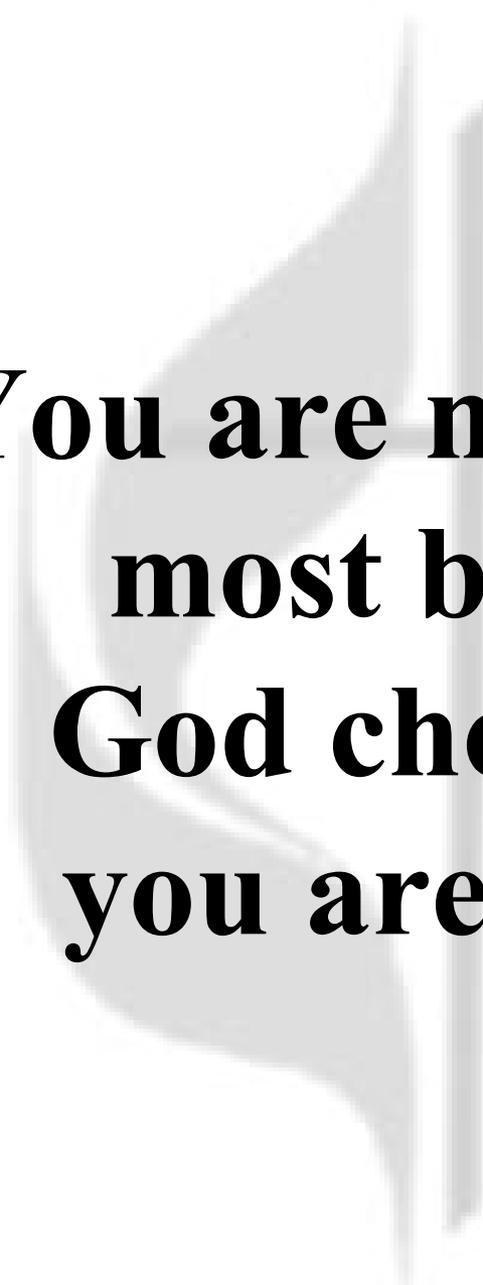
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**1. To a maid
engaged to Joseph,
the angel Gabriel came.
“Fear not,”
the angel told her,
“I come to bring good news,**



**good news,
I come to tell you,
good news,
I say, good news.**

**2. For you are
highly favored
by God the Lord of all,
who even now
is with you.
You are on earth
most blest,**



**You are most blest,
most blessed,
God chose you,
you are blest!”**

**3. But Mary was
most troubled
to hear the angel's word.**

**What was the
angel saying?**

It troubled her to hear,



**to hear the
angel's message,
it troubled
her to hear.**

**4. “Fear not,
for God is with you,
and you shall bear a child.**

**His name shall
be called Jesus,
God’s offspring
from on high.**



**And he shall
reign forever,
forever reign
on high.”**

5. “How shall this be?”

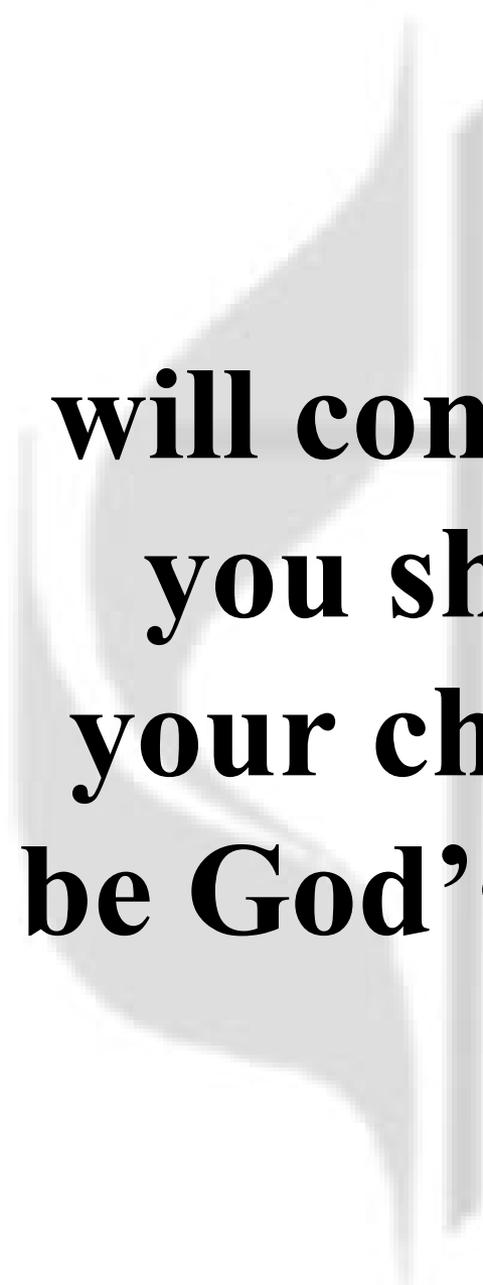
said Mary,

“I am not yet a wife.”

The angel

answered quickly,

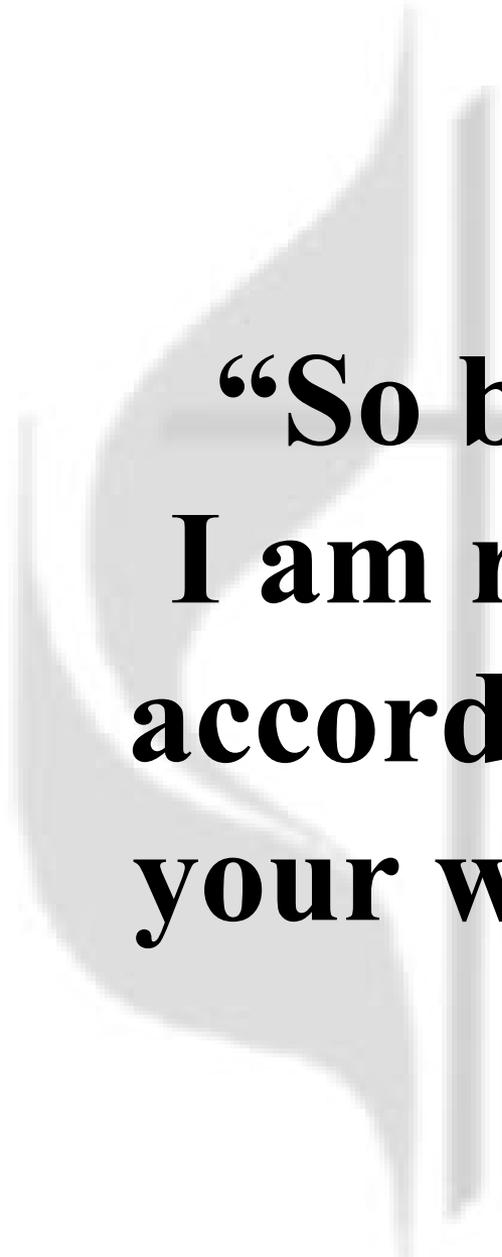
“The power of the Most High



**will come upon
you shortly,
your child will
be God's child.”**

**6. As Mary
heard the angel,
she wondered at his words.**

**“Behold, I am
your handmaid,”
she said unto her God.**



**“So be it;
I am ready
according to
your word.”**