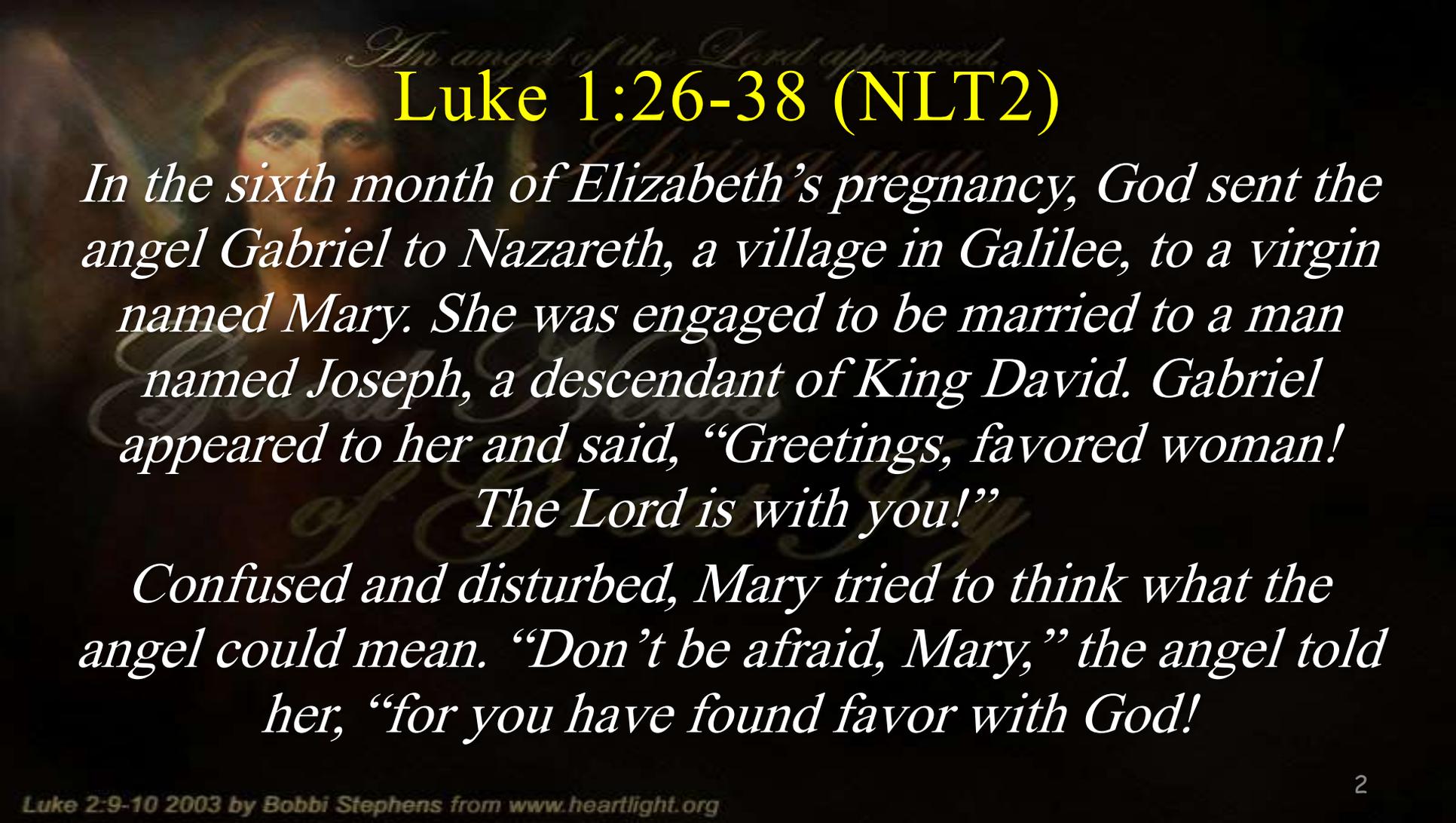


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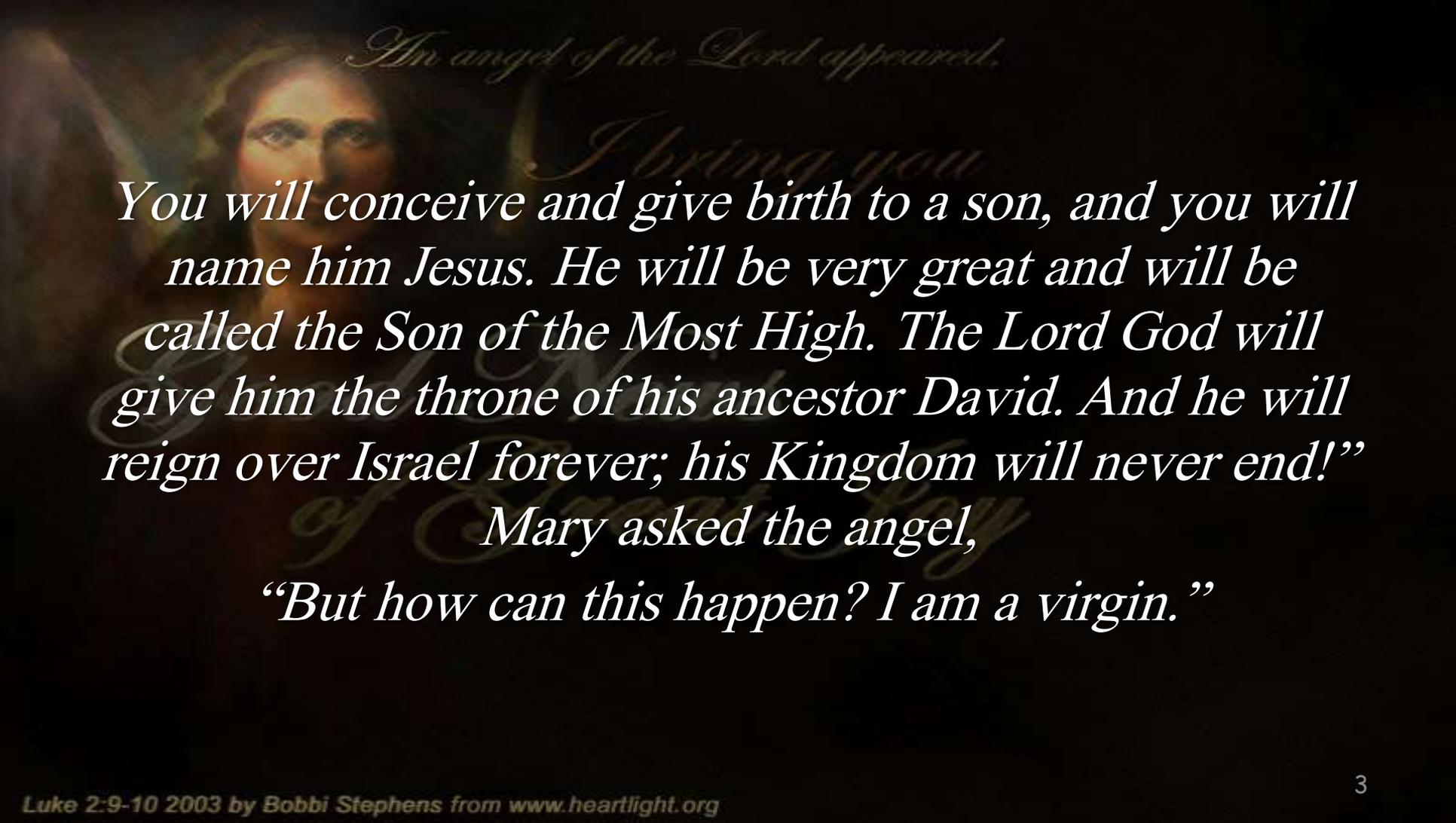
Grow In You?



The angel of the Lord appeared.
Luke 1:26-38 (NLT2)

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!"

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



An angel of the Lord appeared,

*I bring you
You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will
name him Jesus. He will be very great and will be
called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will
give him the throne of his ancestor David. And he will
reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!”*

*Mary asked the angel,
“But how can this happen? I am a virgin.”*

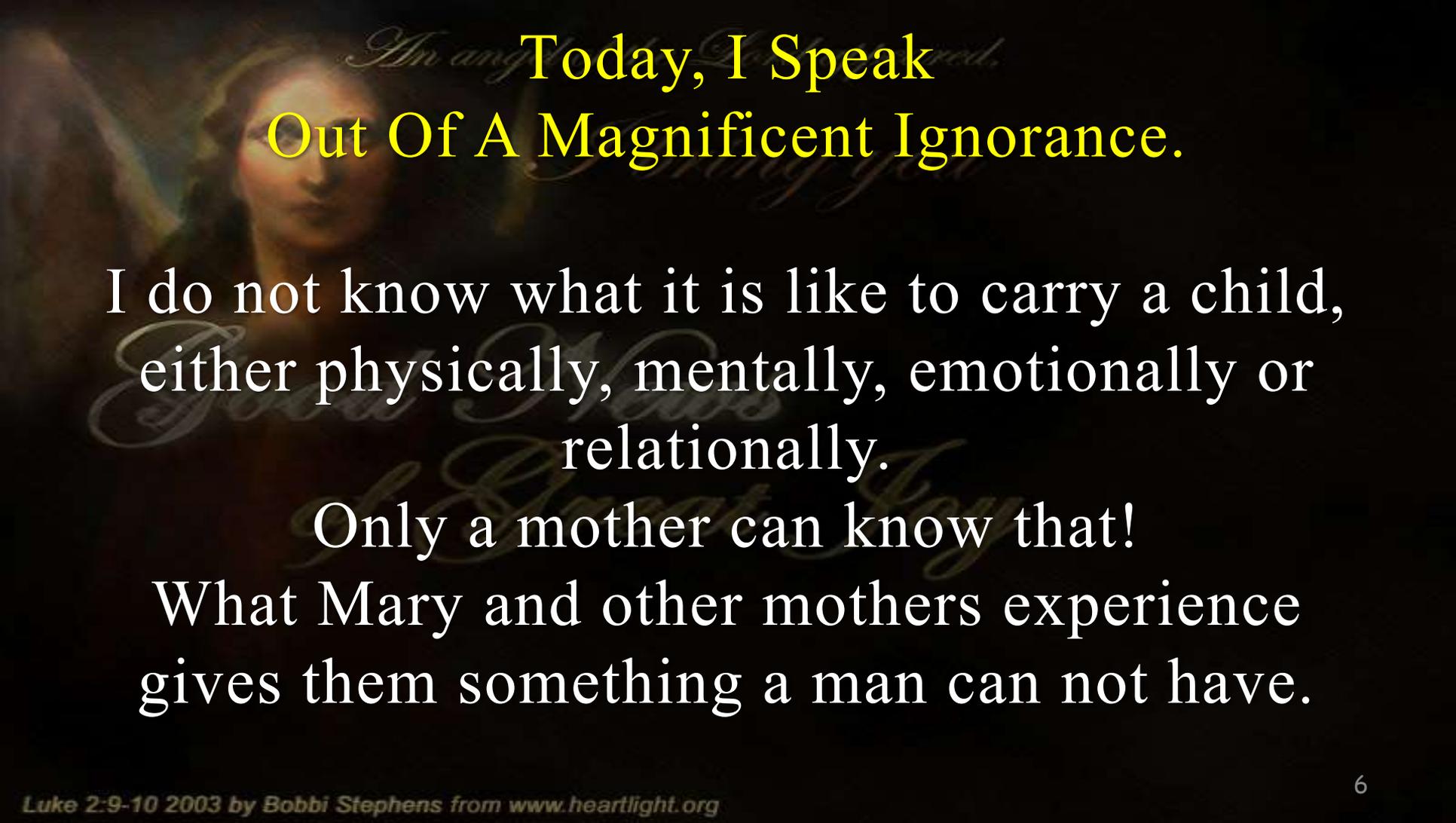
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The angel replied, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God. What’s more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she’s now in her sixth month. For nothing is impossible with God.”

Mary responded, “I am the Lord’s servant. May everything you have said about me come true.”

And then the angel left her.



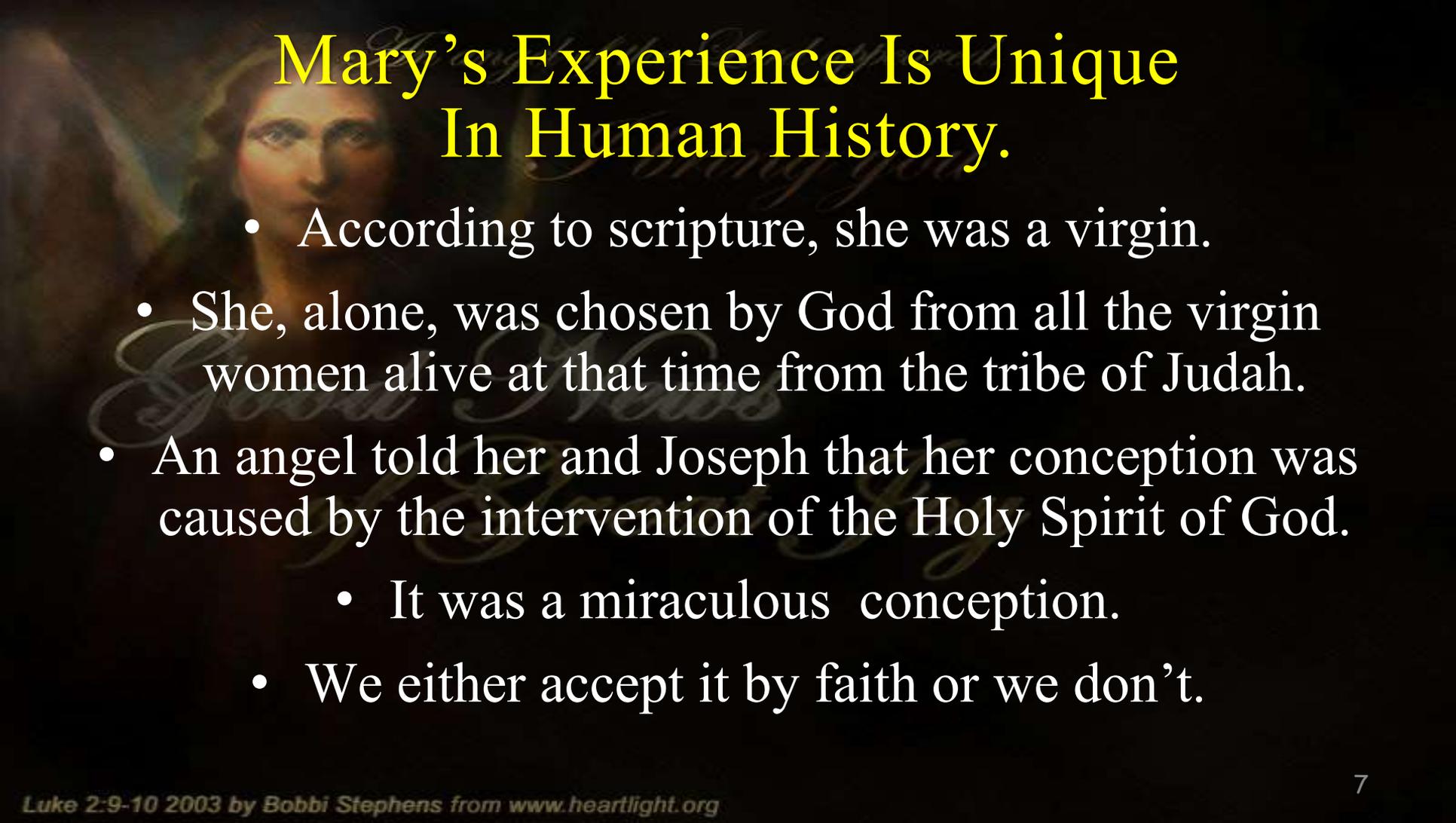


**Today, I Speak
Out Of A Magnificent Ignorance.**

I do not know what it is like to carry a child,
either physically, mentally, emotionally or
relationally.

Only a mother can know that!

What Mary and other mothers experience
gives them something a man can not have.



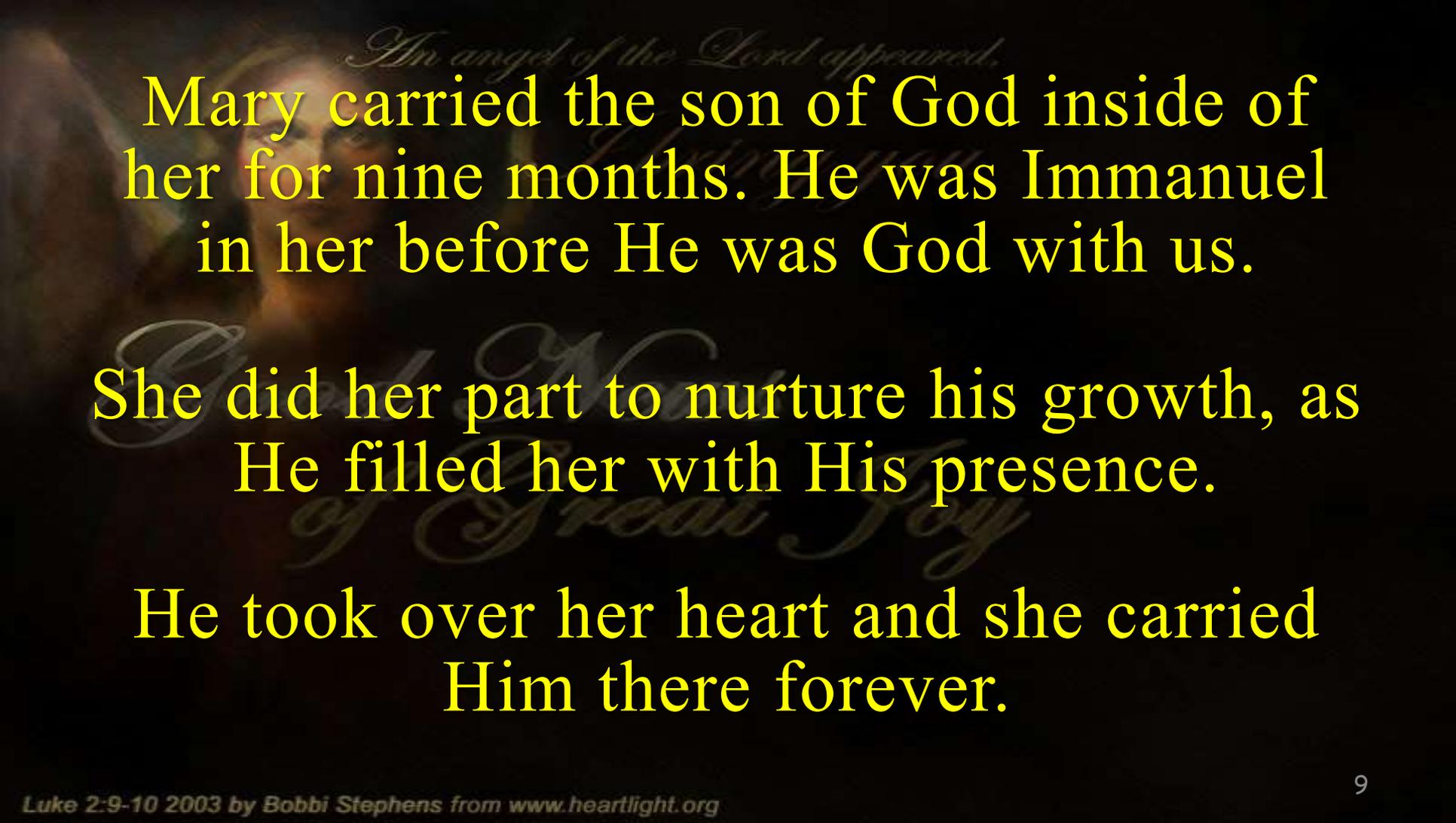
Mary's Experience Is Unique In Human History.

- According to scripture, she was a virgin.
- She, alone, was chosen by God from all the virgin women alive at that time from the tribe of Judah.
- An angel told her and Joseph that her conception was caused by the intervention of the Holy Spirit of God.
 - It was a miraculous conception.
 - We either accept it by faith or we don't.

What Was In Mary Was Not Just A Product Mary.

God





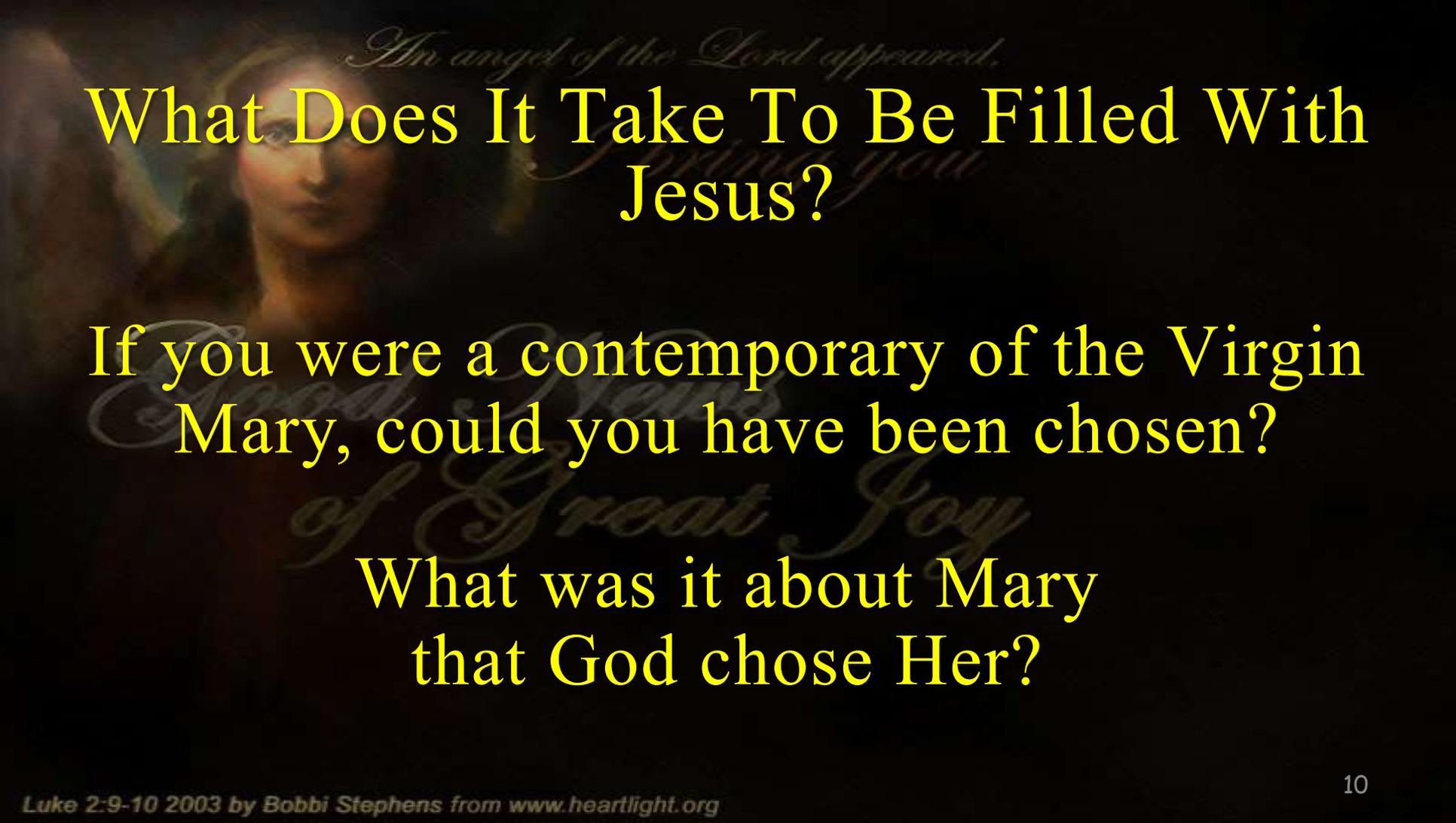
An angel of the Lord appeared.

Mary carried the son of God inside of her for nine months. He was Immanuel in her before He was God with us.

God Who is the Father of Great Joy

She did her part to nurture his growth, as He filled her with His presence.

He took over her heart and she carried Him there forever.



*An angel of the Lord appeared,
telling you
Good News
of Great Joy*

What Does It Take To Be Filled With Jesus?

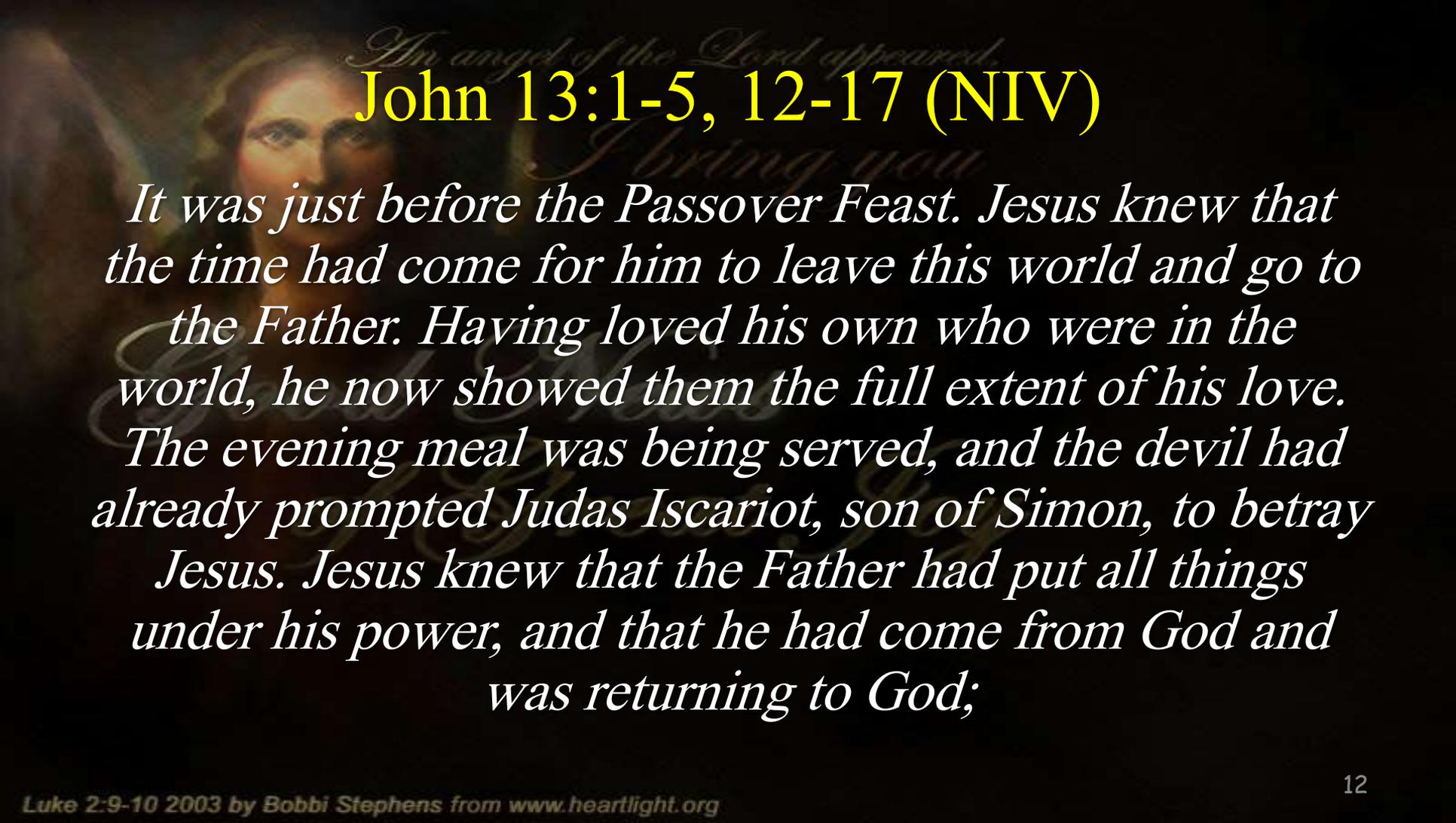
If you were a contemporary of the Virgin
Mary, could you have been chosen?

What was it about Mary
that God chose Her?



She Had A Servant Heart

- *"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered.* Luke 1:38a
- Like mother – like son.
- [Jesus said] ... *whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*” Mark 10:43-45 (NIV)
- We can't be like Mary or Jesus without serving others.



John 13:1-5, 12-17 (NIV)

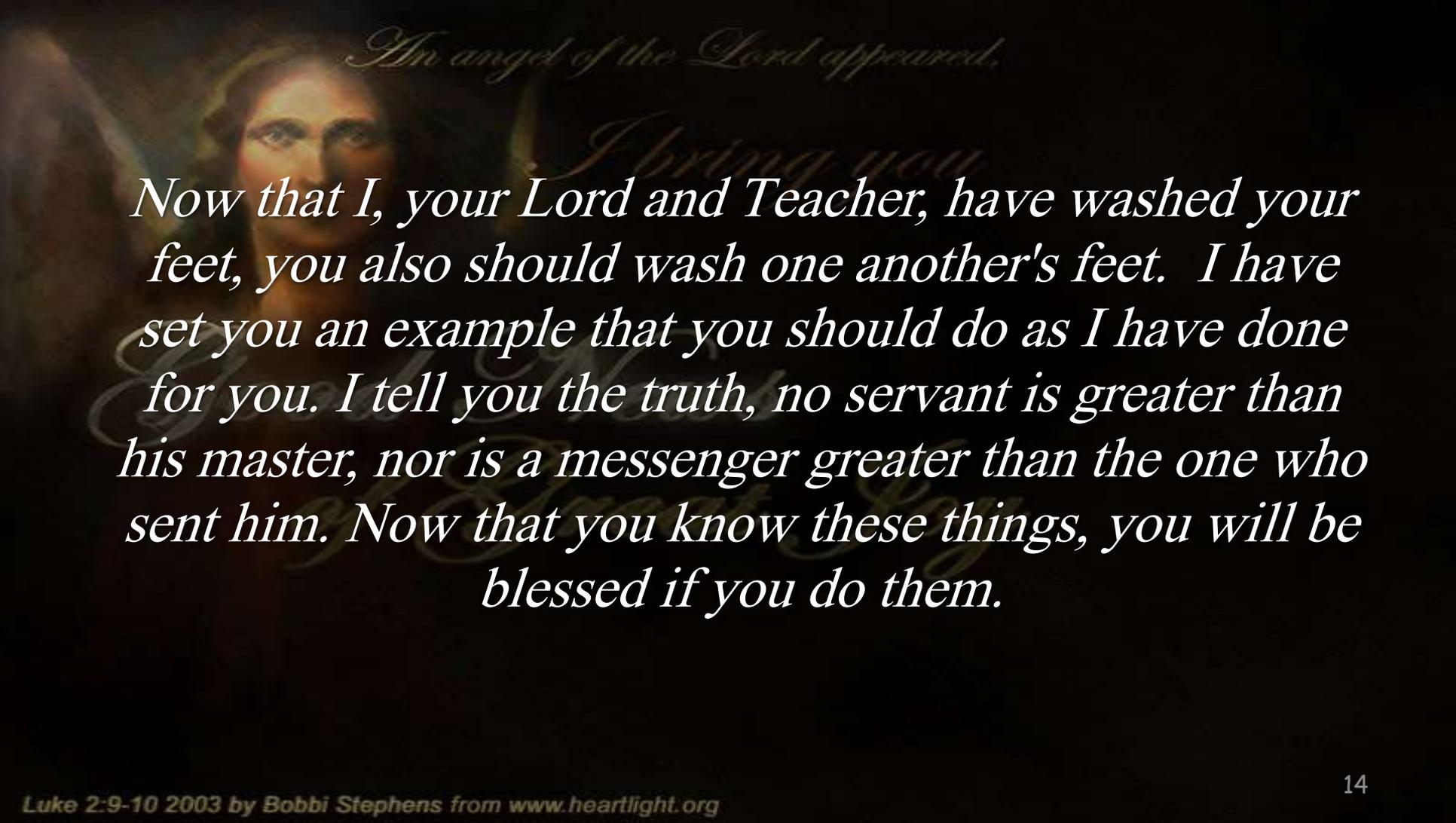
It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love. The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God;

An angel of the Lord appeared,

*so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing,
and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he
poured water into a basin and began to wash his
disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was
wrapped around him.*

*When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his
clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand
what I have done for you?" he asked them.*

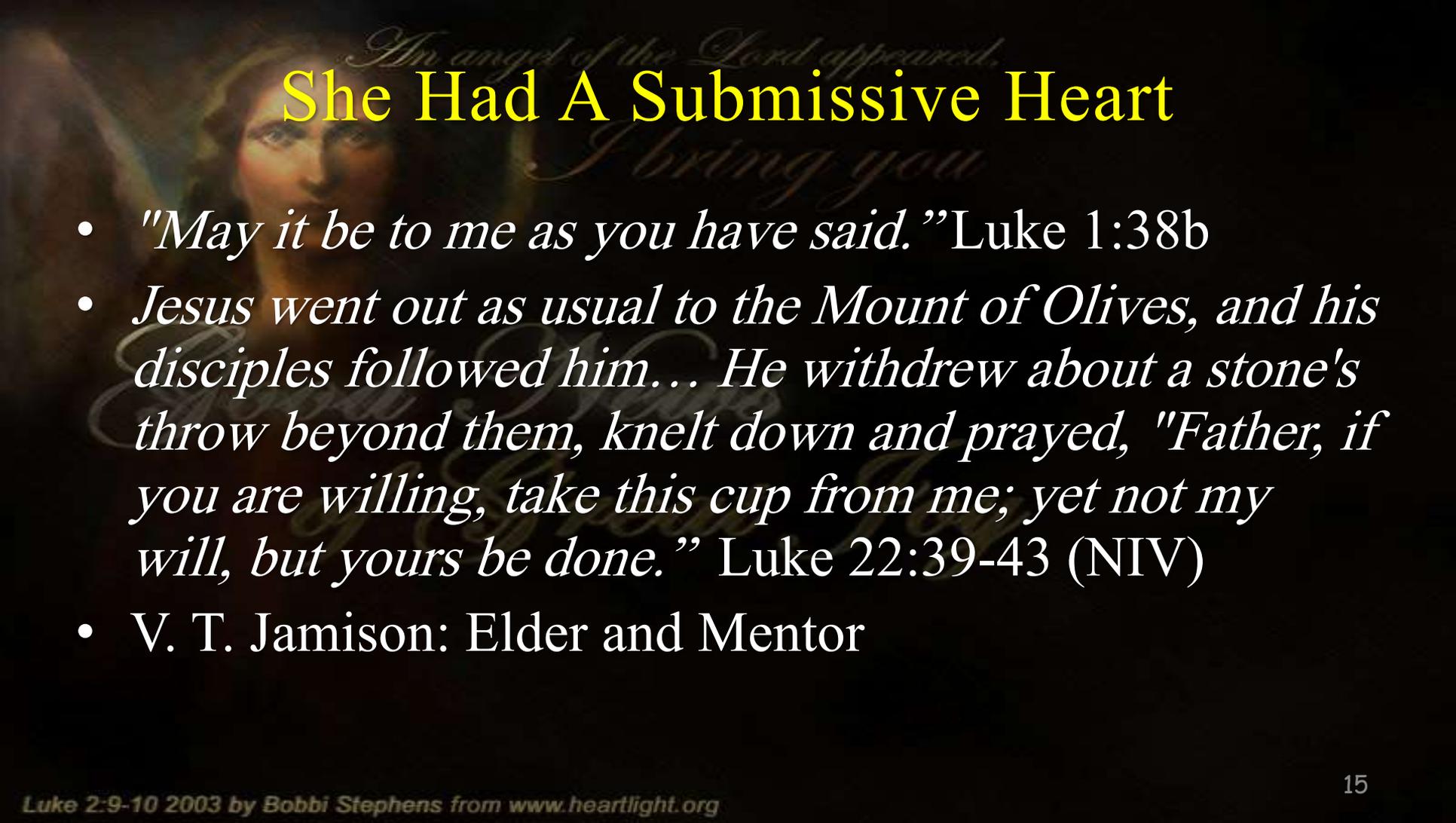
*"You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for
that is what I am.*



An angel of the Lord appeared,

I bring you

Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.



She Had A Submissive Heart

- *"May it be to me as you have said."* Luke 1:38b
- *Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him... He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."* Luke 22:39-43 (NIV)
- V. T. Jamison: Elder and Mentor



She Had A Spirit Filled Heart

- *“The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.” Luke 1:35*
- *Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:38 (NIV)*
- *So I say, live by the Spirit -- Galatians 5:16a*
- *Be filled with the Spirit. -- Ephesians 5:18b*

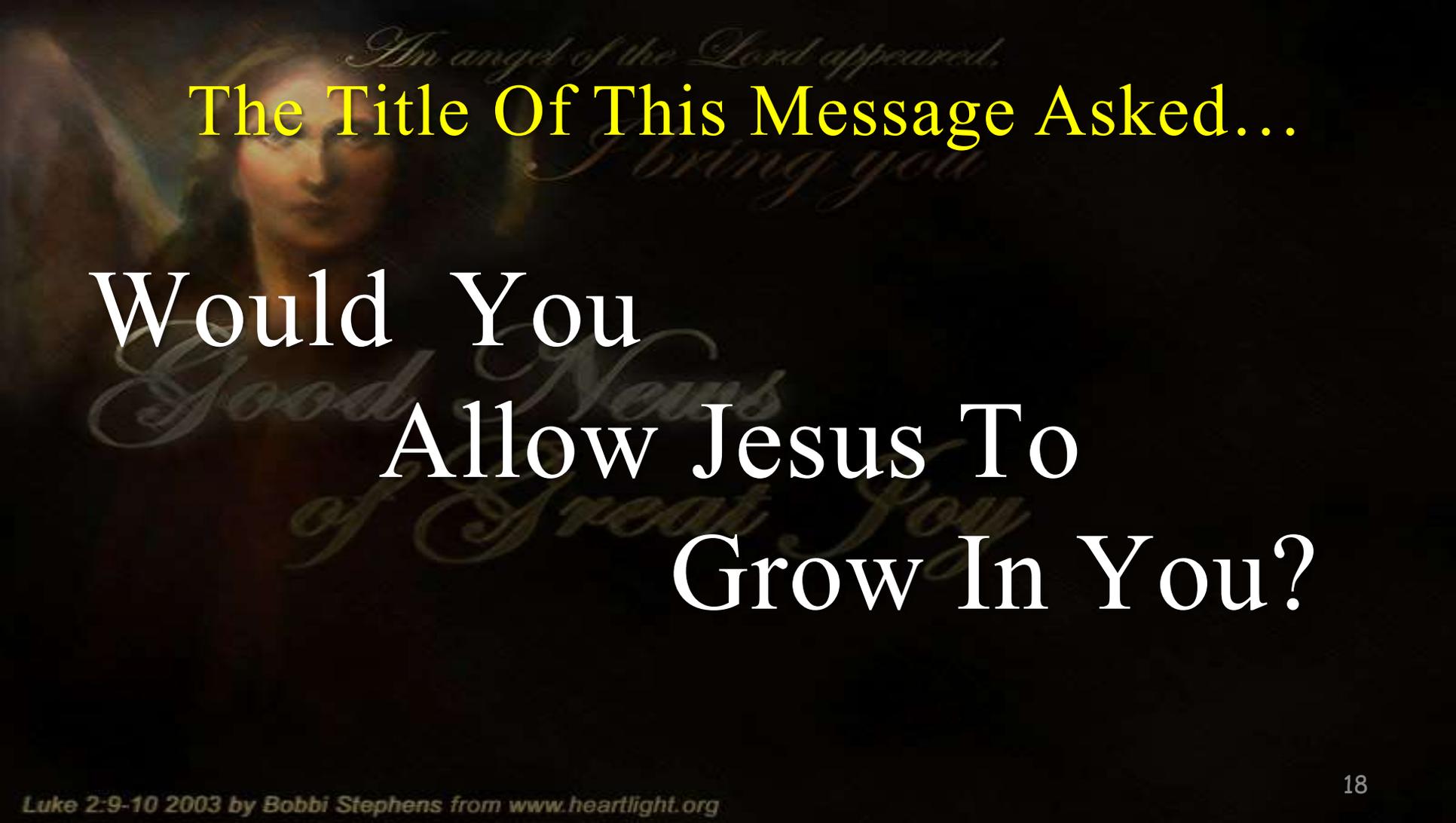


By the Holy Spirit, God Grows In Us.

For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord.

And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.

-- 2 Corinthians 3:17-18 (NLT2)



*An angel of the Lord appeared,
I bring you*

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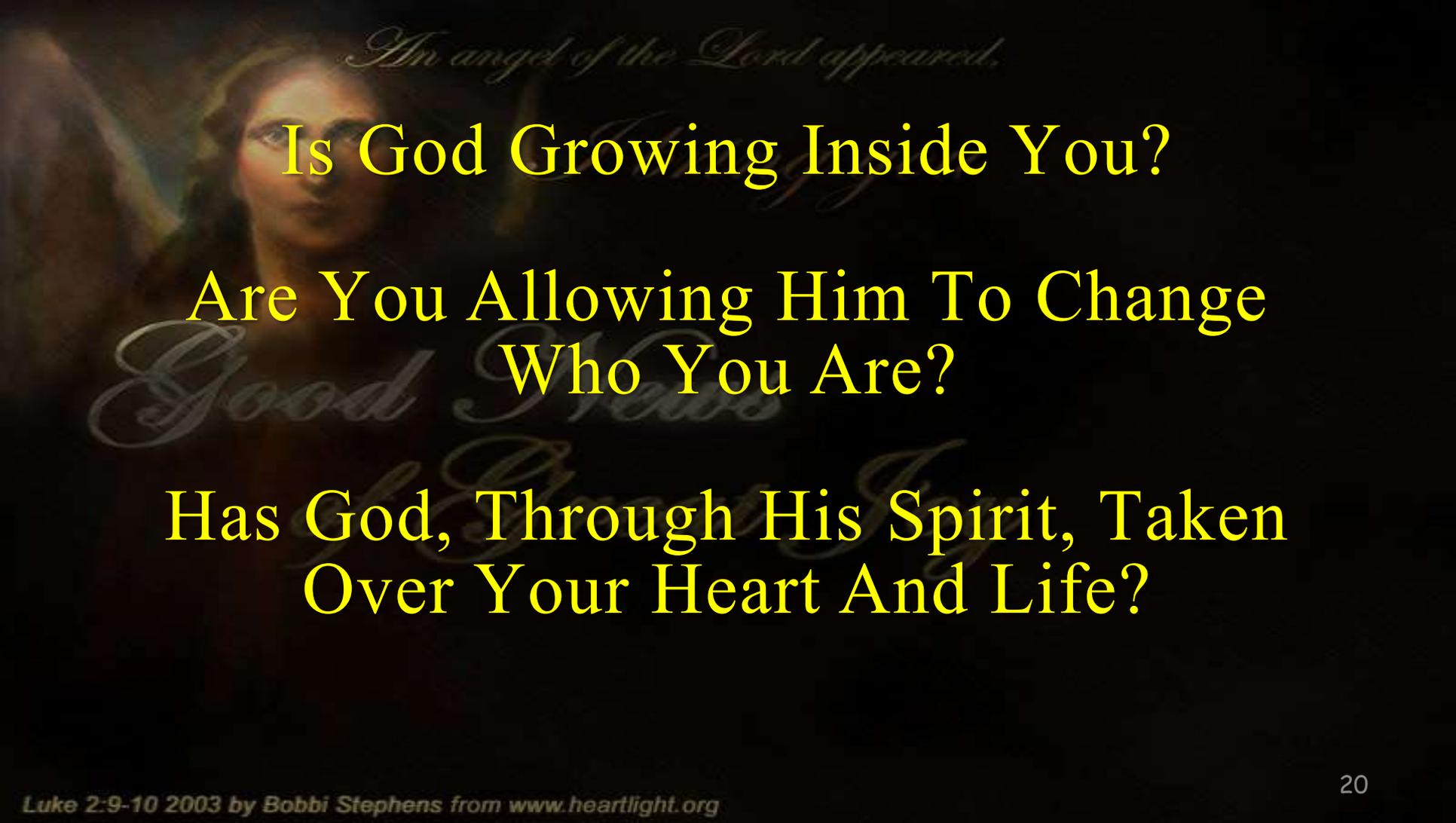
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Is God Growing Inside You?

**Are You Allowing Him To Change
Who You Are?**

**Has God, Through His Spirit, Taken
Over Your Heart And Life?**