



"Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." Luke 1:28 NIV

Five Present Presents From That First Christmas:

1st Present: It's ok to WONDER AT TROUBLE.

"Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be." Luke 1:29 NIV

"In all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. If God is for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:28, 31b NIV

2nd Present: Overcome my fear by knowing GOD'S GRACE.

"Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God." Luke 1:30 NIV

χάρις (word for favor): **G. R. A. C. E. = God's Riches At Christ's Expense**

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." 2 Corinthians 12:9 NIV

3rd Present: Prioritize my life by making JESUS FIRST.

"You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High... and he will reign."
Luke 1:31-33a NIV

"Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."
Matthew 6:33 NIV

"No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit." 1 Corinthians 12:3 NIV

4th Present: God gives me HIS HOLY SPIRIT.

"The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you." Luke 1:35a NIV

"For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."
2 Timothy 1:7 NIV

5th Present: God gives me HIS WORD.

"For no word from God will ever fail." Luke 1:37 NIV

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Luke 1:38 NIV