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Journal Week #1

1. After reading Luke 1:1-2:52 in the Bible, the character from Luke's birth narrative that most inspired me was Mary. From Mary, I am learning how to be bolder and accept God's word, direction and guidance through pure faith. Mary inspires me because she was a simple young woman who was bold enough to ask the angel why she was chosen, but she also has incredible faith and accepts that she will carry the Son of God. Mary accepts this great miracle despite any concerns or fear she may have had initially and in spite of the fact that it was not safe for her to be pregnant without a husband in her time period; she could be stoned to death. Mary was willing to sacrifice a great deal in order to fulfill her calling from the Lord. Without her courage and faith, where would we be today? In my own life, I would like to develop the kind of courage, strength and faith that Mary displays.

2. Dear God,

Thank you for the miraculous and wondrous gift of Jesus Christ!

I am so grateful that He was born and came into our lives so that we may live and know you better, so that we may be saved and live to serve you.

Please help me grow in courage, strength, and faith, especially the kind of faith that your mother, Mary demonstrated. And always help me to love as you and Mary loved Jesus. Thank you Lord. Praise You!