

A close-up of a hand wearing a white, textured knit glove, holding a small, square, brown cardboard gift box. The box is wrapped with a red and white striped string tied in a bow. A red circular tag with a gold heart is attached to the string. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue with many small, glowing white stars, creating a festive, wintry atmosphere.

Christmas Response

Hope Christian Church

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**When did you
first meet Christmas?**





Luke 1:26-28

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee,



Luke 1:26-28

**to a virgin named Mary.
She was engaged to be
married to a man named
Joseph, a descendant
of King David.**



Luke 1:26-28

**Gabriel appeared
to her and said,**



Luke 1:26-28

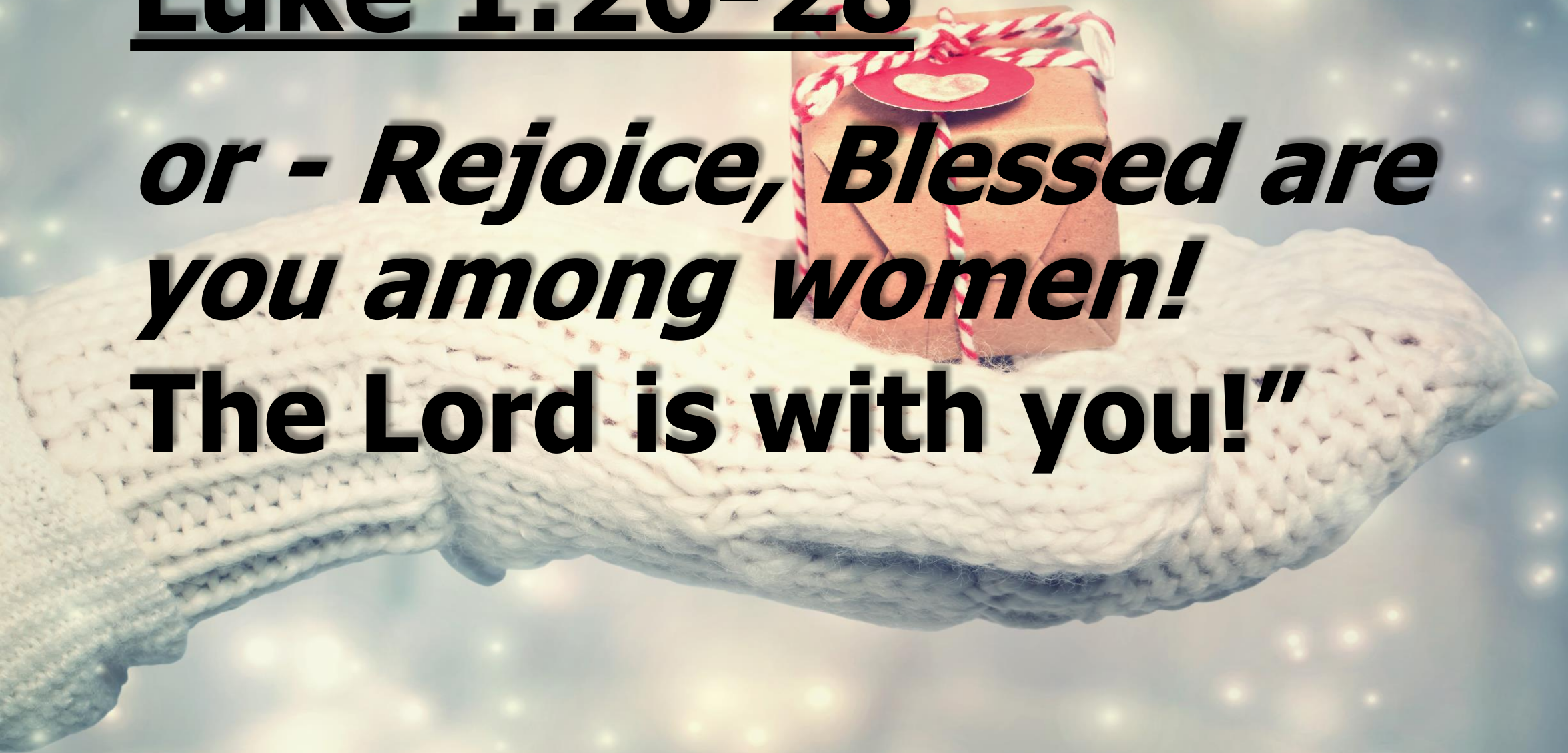
**“Greetings,
favored woman!
The Lord is with you!”**



Luke 1:26-28

***or - Rejoice, Blessed are
you among women!***

The Lord is with you!"

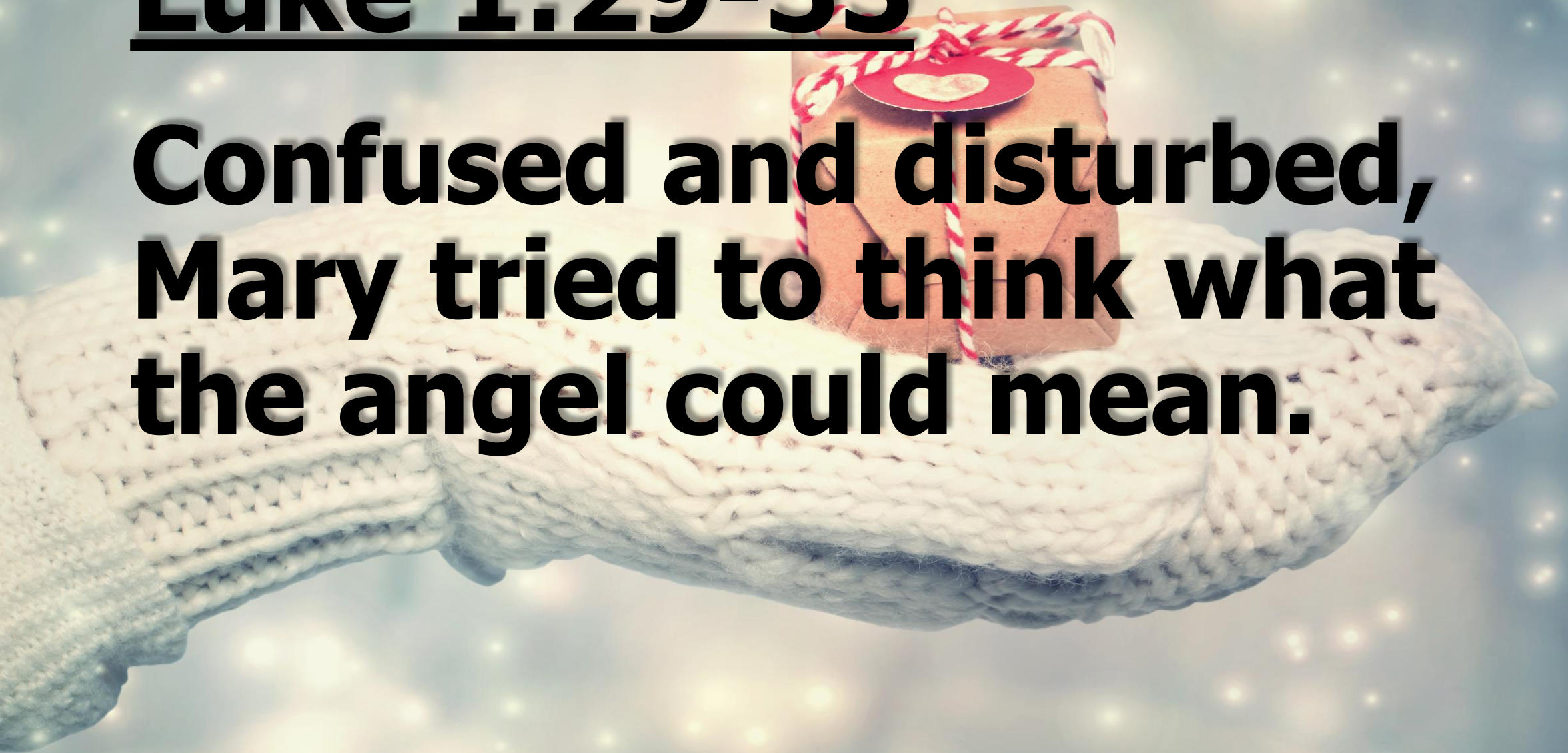


Introduction



Luke 1:29-33

**Confused and disturbed,
Mary tried to think what
the angel could mean.**



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**“Don’t be afraid, Mary,”
the angel told her,
“for you have found
favor with God!”**



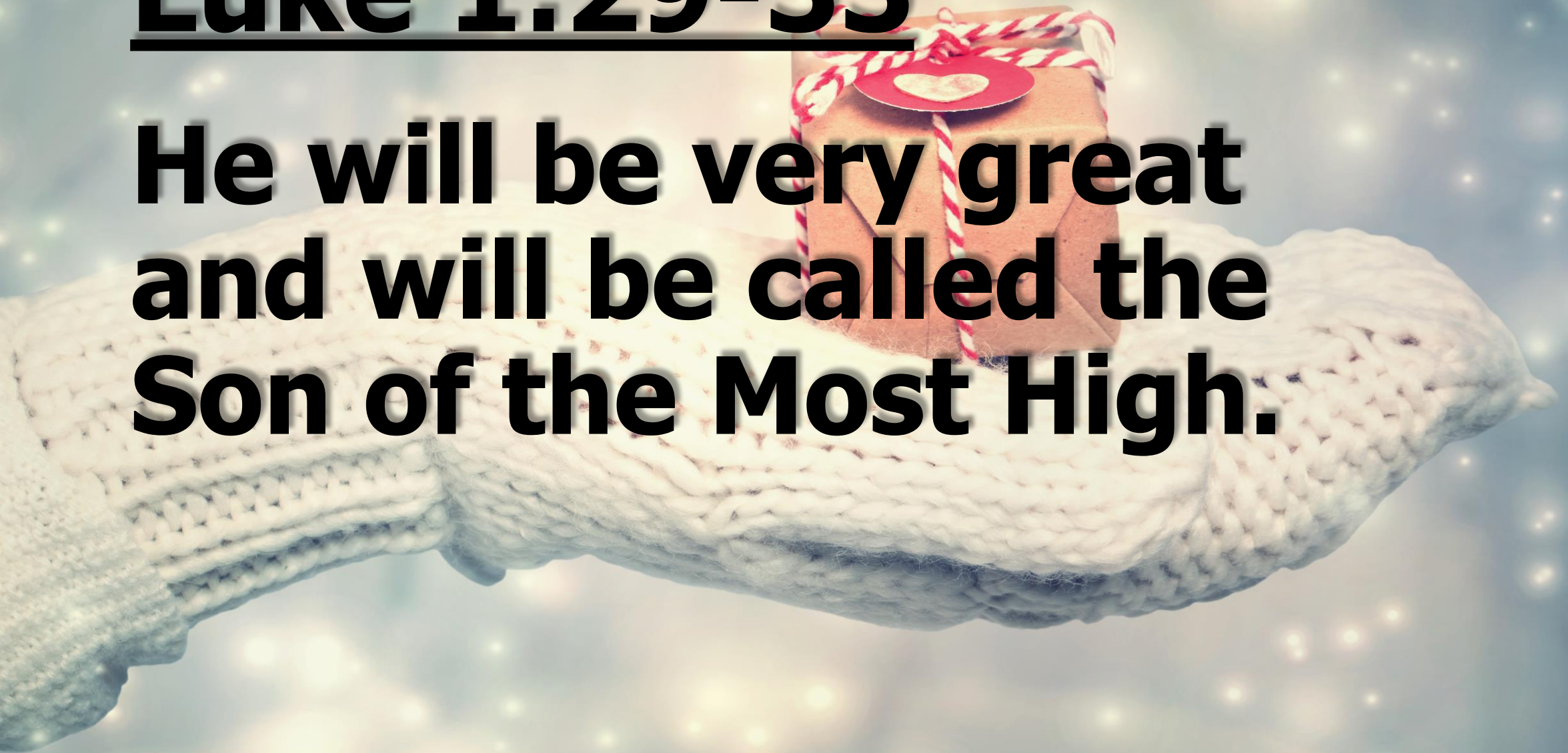
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You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus.



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**He will be very great
and will be called the
Son of the Most High.**



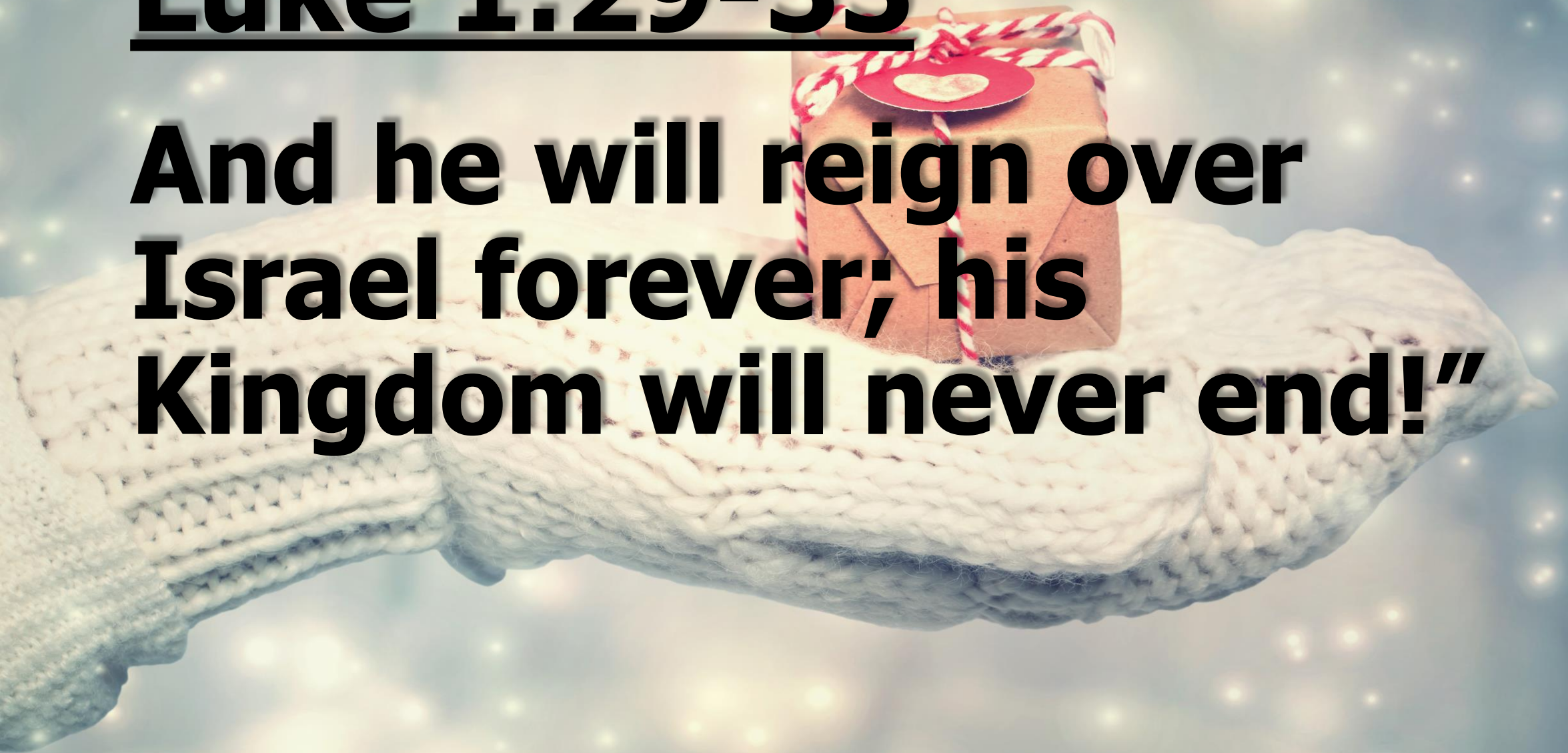
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**The Lord God will
give him the throne
of his ancestor David.**



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**And he will reign over
Israel forever; his
Kingdom will never end!”**





Details

Luke 1:34-37

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



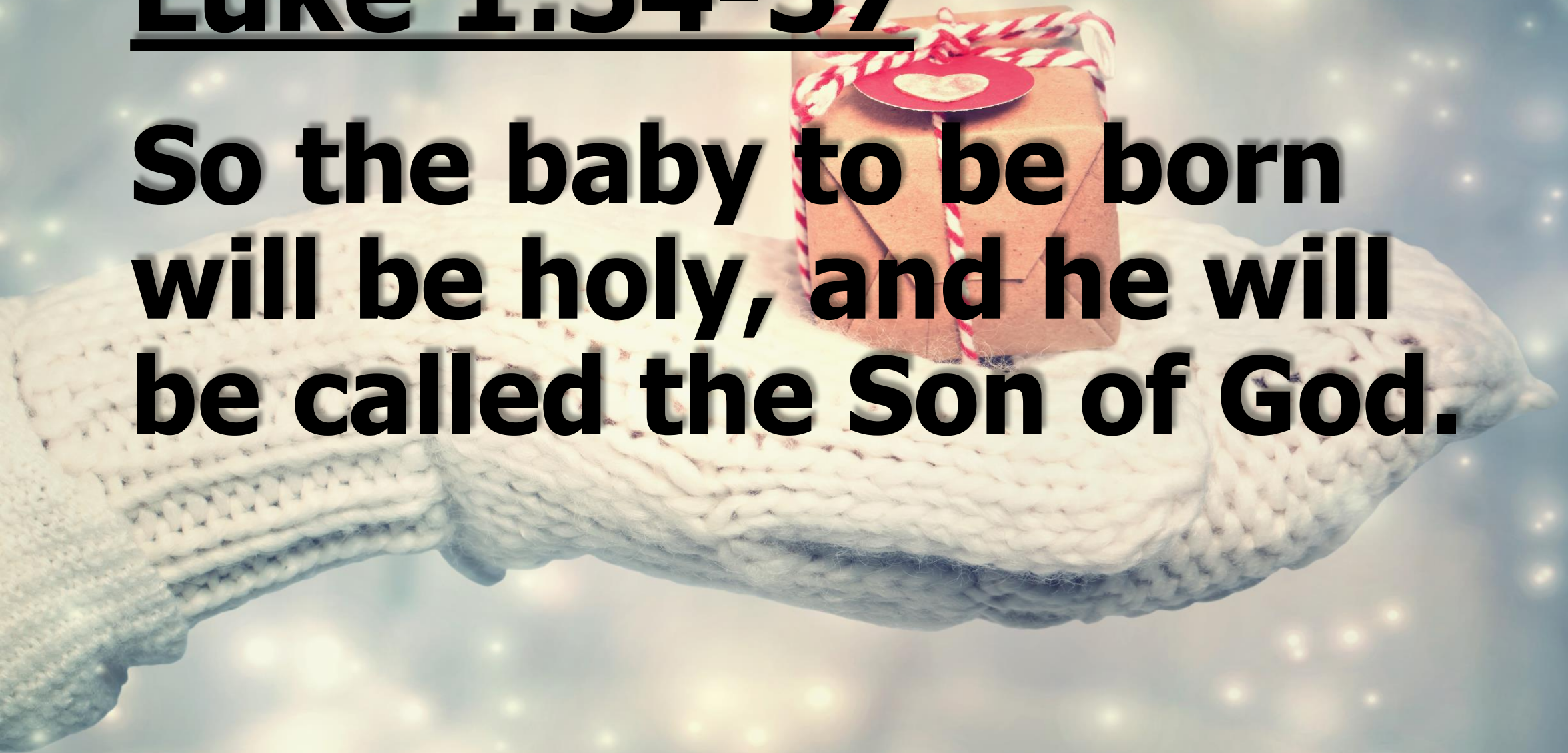
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The angel replied, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.



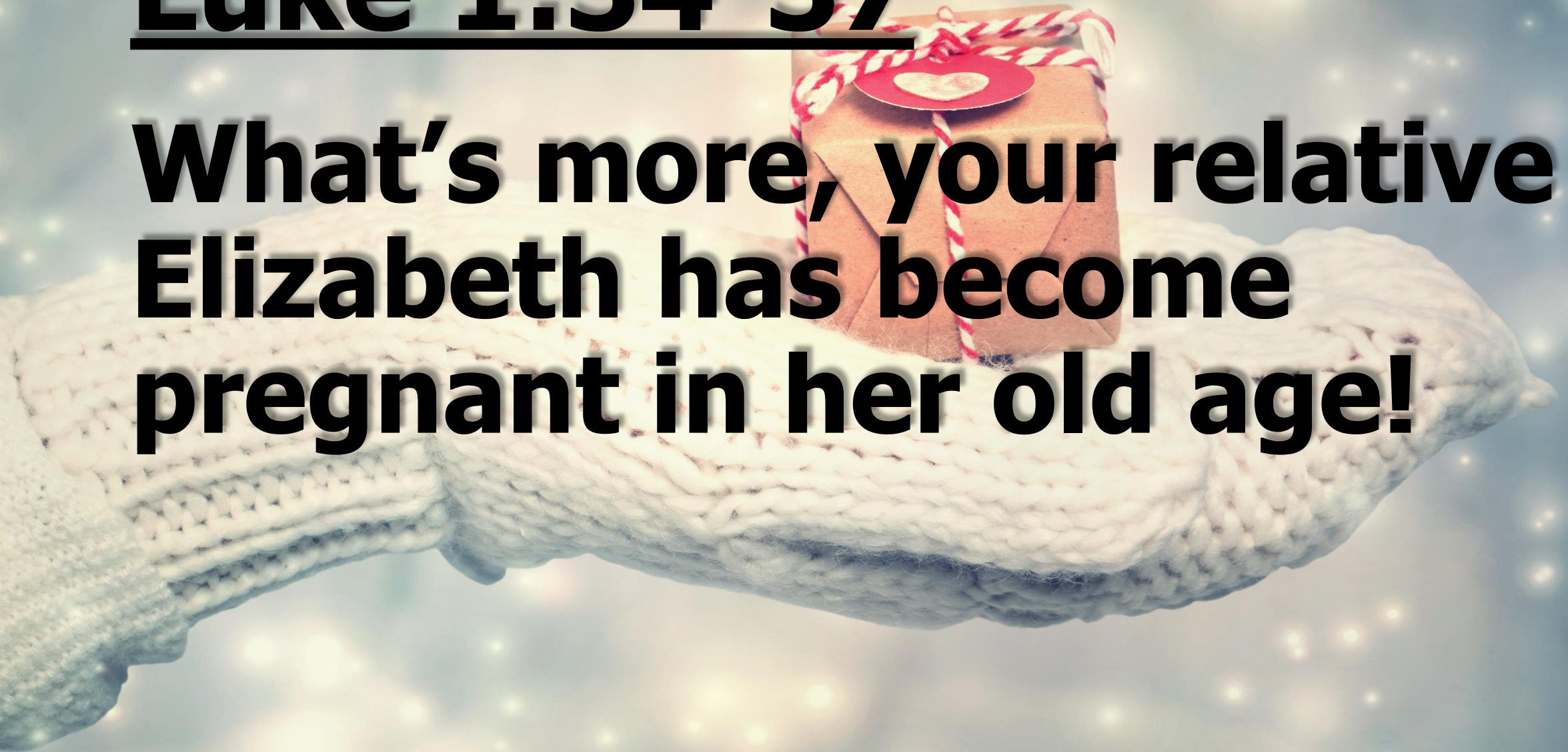
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**So the baby to be born
will be holy, and he will
be called the Son of God.**



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What's more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age!



Luke 1:34-37

People used to say she was barren, but she has conceived a son and is now in her sixth month.



Luke 1:34-37

**37 For the word of God
will never fail.**



Luke 1:34-37

37 For nothing is impossible with God"



Questions

We often ask the 'purpose' question – WHY?



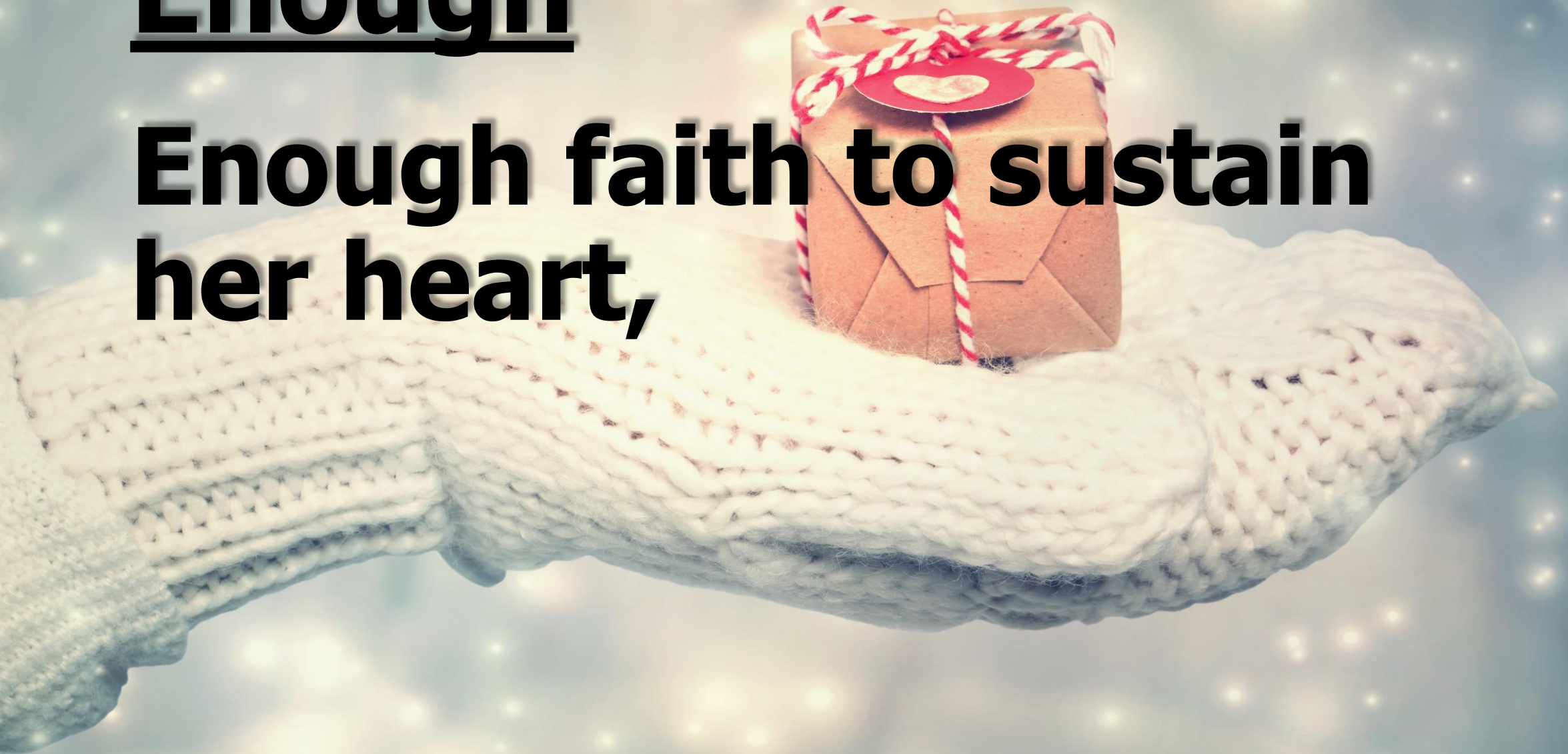
Questions

Mary asks the 'Clarity' question – How?



Enough

**Enough faith to sustain
her heart,**



Enough

**Enough trust to lift
her head,**




Enough

**Enough courage to
strengthen her step!**



Luke 1:38

Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true." And then the angel left her.



**Christmas
requires
you to
respond!**



#bechristmas



