

V. **FACT**

*“ 34 Then Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I do not know a man?”*

*35 And the angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.*

*36 Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren.*

*37 For with God nothing will be impossible.”*

*38 Then Mary said, “Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.”* Luke 1:34-38

Take Luke 1:37 to the bank. Memorize it, repeat it, believe it, experience it, and never forget it!

VI. **FUEL TO HIS FIRE**

*“39 Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah,*

*40 and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth.*

*41 And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.”* Luke 1:39-41

*“Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.”* I Timothy 1:17

**ARE YOU LIVING A GREAT LIFE  
IN THE SIGHT OF GOD?**

*“For he will be great in the sight of the Lord,...”* Luke 1:15a

**THE GREATEST (John The Baptist)  
The Greatness Of John’s Dedication  
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**INTRODUCTION**

**A.** In sports there’s an acronym used to describe the greatest of all time. It’s the phrase “G.O.A.T.” It stands for the GREATEST OF ALL TIME. It is common for fans to argue over who is the greatest of all time in the various sports. But whose the greatest person ever born...the G.O.A.T. when it comes to everyone who has ever lived? Well, in this area there is no debate. Jesus made it clear that John the Baptist was “THE GREATEST,” the true G.O.A.T.

*“Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he”* Matthew 11:11

**B.** What made John stand out that Jesus singled him out as the greatest? There were six great qualities that made John so great. In THE GREATEST teaching series you will learn how to live a great life by adding John’s six qualities to your life. This seven part series features the following messages:

- Aug 25 Who Was John The Baptist?
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- Sept 15 The Greatness Of John’s Obedience
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God has called all of us to greatness so plan now to attend this series as much as possible.

**C. Text:** Luke 1:13-17, 30-41 (Pew Bible/Page 1003/New Test.)

## THE GREATNESS OF JOHN'S DEDICATION

### I. **FAITH** VS. FEAR

*"13 But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John.*

*14 And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth."* Luke 1:13-14

*"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."* II Timothy 1:7

*"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,"* Ephesians 3:20

*"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."* John 1:14

### II. FAMOUS AND **FAITHFUL**

*"15 For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb.*

*16 And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God."* Luke 1:15-16

*"And he preached, saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose."* Mark 1:7

*"And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."* Matthew 23:12

*"But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."* James 4:6

### III. **FORERUNNER**

*"He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,' and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."* Luke 1:17

*"Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming," Says the LORD of hosts"* Malachi 3:1

*"The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"* John 1:29

### IV. **FAVOR**

*"30 Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.*

*31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS.*

*32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.*

*33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."* Luke 1:30-33

*"For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous; With favor You will surround him as with a shield."* Psalm 5:12

*"He has made everything beautiful in its time...."* Ecclesiastes 3:11a