

**Today's Message: "be [Christmas]: Part 2—Mary"**

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**be [Christmas] Challenge:**

*Don't be afraid. Be humble/obedient/submitted. [Mary]*

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- Wednesday December 16** - Gather loose change around the house for the Salvation Army or another charity.
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