

*"The Lord is With You"*

Link to song on YouTube: [The Lord is With You Hunter Street Baptist Church](#)

I first heard the song *"The Lord Is With You"* at last year's Christmas Eve service while visiting our son in San Diego. Though it's about 20 years old, it was new to me—and unforgettable. The song was beautifully sung, and the melody stayed with me long after the service ended. Once home, I searched for it online and purchased it on iTunes. I hope you'll take a moment to listen.

The song is a trio between Gabriel, Mary, and Joseph, inspired by the familiar Bible passages: Gabriel's announcement to Mary (Luke 1:26–30) and the angel's message to Joseph (Matthew 1:20). It draws from scripture while also imagining how a person might naturally respond in such a moment. It begins with Gabriel singing, "Hail, favored one, the Lord is with you," and continues with the message that Mary will bear the Son of God.

Mary responds with wonder: "How can this be?" She's just a simple girl from a simple world. What will her parents say? What about Joseph? Yet she ends with the powerful affirmation: "I believe what you said to me. The Lord is with me."

Joseph follows with his own verse: "I had an awesome dream last night... The Lord is with you." The song culminates in a harmonious trio, with all three voices intertwining to declare, "The Lord is with you (me)." It's this final refrain that echoes in my heart every time I hear it—a melody of faith and reassurance.

This song reminds me that we, too, are called to do hard things. Whether it's stepping into a new ministry, leading a committee, joining the church council, or navigating personal or family crises, we may feel unprepared. Like Mary, we might say, "I'm just a simple person from a simple world. How can I do this?"

When we're called to speak out against injustice, take an unpopular stand at work or at home, or face health and financial challenges, we may worry: What will people think? What will our families say? But in those moments, we can hold onto the truth: *The Lord is with us*.

Prayer: Lord, as we face challenges, serve our communities, and seek Your will, may we keep singing that refrain: *"The Lord is with me."* May we remember that you are always by our side. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen

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