



Women of the Bible

Mary – Blessed of God

Lesson 7

Mary, the mother of Jesus, was and still is one of the most fascinating women in history. There's not a long list of accomplishments surrounding her life but her willingness to allow God to use her was the one thing that changed the course of history. Mary's "yes" to the angel's request to be the mother of the Messiah gives us great insight into the kind of person she was. She walked into the unknown fully trusting God to work out all the details of this extraordinary request. It's so easy to trust God when all is laid out clearly before us, but it's a whole different story when we have to take the next step not knowing or even understanding where that will lead us. Like Mary, God's plans will often take us down uncertain paths and we too will be faced with the choice of surrendering our plan and following His. The blessed life comes when we follow His plans!

Open your Bible and begin with a word of prayer

This Week's Scripture: Luke 1:26-38

²⁶Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" ²⁹But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. ³⁰Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. ³²He 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. ³³And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" ³⁵And 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. ³⁶Now

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. ³⁷For with God nothing will be impossible.” ³⁸Then Mary said, “Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

This Week’s Memory Verse:

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

Romans 12:12(ESV)

1. Knowing the suffering Jesus would endure, one may not see Mary as blessed by God. But we must always keep our eyes on the big picture. What is the big picture according to Hebrews 12:2?

2. John 17:1-5 tells us the purpose for suffering, according to this scripture what was it? _____

3. Mary endured because she trusted in God. Likewise, we can trust in God because everything He does is for a purpose. Romans 5:3-5(NKJV) tells us why we can trust God and His sovereignty during difficult times. Read this scripture and fill in the blanks.

a. Tribulation produces _____

b. Perseverance produces _____

c. Character produces _____

d. Hope does not _____

e. Why doesn’t hope disappoint and how can this encourage the believer? _____

Reflect and Respond – Mary was an ordinary woman called to do an extraordinary

thing. No doubt she was afraid but the angel that visited her said in verse 37; “For with God nothing will be impossible.” When we say “I can’t” He says “with Me nothing is impossible.” Do you believe that? Can you trust in His word? We all struggle in this area from time to time but it really comes down to what our default is; trust or fear. Trusting in God will give us blessings just as Mary was blessed. Are you willing to make the jump from fear to trust? Write down your thoughts. _____

Result – Consider today’s bible study lecture. What one lesson will you take away from this study and apply to your walk with the Lord? _____
