**Great Women of God: Mary**

*Luke 1:26-56*

1. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with the Grace of God**

“Favored one,” literally means, “full of grace.” This is where all noble service begins in the Kingdom – filled with God’s amazing grace! Without His grace filling our lives, we are nothing, have nothing, and can do nothing.

*2 Corinthians 12:9 ~ But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*

1. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the Plan of God**

Mary was fit for God’s plan because Mary was a woman who believed what God told her. In your service to Christ Jesus, your faith will be the measure of your fitness for God’s work.

*1 Timothy 1:12 ~ I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service.*

1. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the Glory of God**

Considered one of the most eloquent declarations of praise to God, Mary’s “Magnificat” is the expression of her desire to glorify the LORD. When Christ works His mighty work through you, let your soul magnify the LORD.

*Philippians 4:20 ~ To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.*

1. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as a Servant of God**

Elizabeth expressed great praise for Mary, yet Mary remained three more months – presumably to help the expectant mother. When elevated to a place of prominence, do not let your attitude become such that you are no longer willing to humbly serve.

*Matthew 25:40 ~ “And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’”*

**Acts 1:14**

**All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.**

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**Additional Scripture References**

*(And Rabbit Trails Bible Study)*

**Ephesians 1:5-6**

*...he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.*

**John 1:16**

*For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.*

**John 15:5**

*I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.*

**Galatians 2:20**

*I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

**Romans 15:5-7**

*May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.* *Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.*

**1 Corinthians 10:31**

*So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.*

**Galatians 5:13**

*For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.*

**Philippians 2:19-20**

*I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare.*

**1 Peter 4:10**

*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.*