



Series: Unsung Heroes

Sermon: Part 6: Discipleship Lessons From The Life Of Mary

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Mary's life has a progression from expectant mother to waiting _____.

Five Snapshots From The Life Of Mary:

1. The Summons and _____ "Yes"

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of His Kingdom there will be no end." (Luke 1:26-33 ESV)

Sometimes the Lord gives a gentle invitation. Other times He issues a summons.

2. The _____ and Pondering

"This Child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too." (Luke 2:34-35 ESV)

We receive the call to follow Jesus and inherent to the call is suffering.

"I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33 NIV)

His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for You." "Why were you searching for Me?" He asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in My Father's house?" But they did not understand what He was saying to them. Then He went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But His mother treasured all these things in her heart. (Luke 2:48-51 ESV)

3. _____ and Lament

Then He [Jesus] went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. And when His family heard it, they went out to seize Him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind." (Mark 3:20-21 ESV)

Scripture referenced in sermon message: Psalm 13 ESV

4. Lean Into _____

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took His garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also His tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, so they said to one another,



“Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, “They divided My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.” So the soldiers did these things, but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple Whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, “Woman, behold, Your son!” (John 19:23-26 ESV)

5. _____ for a Better World

And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and His brothers. (Acts 1:13-14 ESV)

Then I saw a new Heaven and a new Earth, for the first Heaven and the first Earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of Heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and He will dwell with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” (Revelation 21:1-4 ESV)

Bottom Line: *Mary models discipleship by showing us how to say yes; how to treasure and hold God’s Word close; how to keep following when confused and disappointed by life; how to lean into grief; and finally how to wait and long for a better world.*

Questions to reflect on this week or with others:

- 1. Have you had times of confusion when you wondered if God was there or if He even cared about you? Times where you wondered if God knew what He was doing? What was it like and what was your response?*
- 2. If you consider yourself to be a follower of Jesus, do you remember those early days of awakening to Jesus calling you? Was it a gentle prodding and invitation or a compelling reality or situation where saying yes to Jesus was the only viable option?*
- 3. Which snapshot resonates with you the most? What is a next step you can take based on what we saw Mary do?*

Songs used in service: Build My Life (Pat Barrett), Goodness of God (Rhett Walker), Tumbas A Jardines (Elevation Worship & Brandon Lake), Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Thomas Chisholm), Trust In God (Elevation Worship)

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Any prayer requests?

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What can we be praying for you about?