



Scripture

LUKE 1:26 - 28



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Mary gets a bad rap.



ALSO...

- A WOMAN
- POOR
- "PERSON OF COLOR"
- OBSCURE VILLAGE
- QUESTIONABLE EDUCATION
- UNMARRIED & UNPLANNED PREGNANCY
- SUFFERED HOUSING INSECURITY
- A REFUGEE

*Faith is taking action on a
promise in the midst of
disruption and delay.*





1.
*Listen and be curious
to understand.*

Pay closer attention.



HEBREWS 2:1 – 3

WE MUST PAY MORE CAREFUL ATTENTION, THEREFORE, TO WHAT WE HAVE HEARD, SO THAT WE DO NOT DRIFT AWAY. FOR IF THE MESSAGE SPOKEN BY ANGELS WAS BINDING, AND EVERY VIOLATION AND DISOBEDIENCE RECEIVED ITS JUST PUNISHMENT, HOW SHALL WE ESCAPE IF WE IGNORE SUCH A GREAT SALVATION?

2 PETER 1:18 – 21

WE OURSELVES HEARD THIS VOICE THAT CAME FROM HEAVEN WHEN WE WERE WITH HIM ON THE SACRED MOUNTAIN. AND WE HAVE THE WORD OF THE PROPHETS MADE MORE CERTAIN, AND YOU WILL DO WELL TO PAY ATTENTION TO IT, AS TO A LIGHT SHINING IN A DARK PLACE, UNTIL THE DAY DAWNS AND THE MORNING STAR RISES IN YOUR HEARTS.

2 PETER 1:18 - 21

ABOVE ALL, YOU MUST UNDERSTAND THAT NO PROPHECY OF SCRIPTURE CAME ABOUT BY THE PROPHET'S OWN INTERPRETATION. FOR PROPHECY NEVER HAD ITS ORIGIN IN THE WILL OF MAN, BUT MEN SPOKE FROM GOD AS THEY WERE CARRIED ALONG BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.



2.

*Consent to what isn't
even a choice, out of
trust in God.*

LUKE 1:38

***"I AM THE LORD'S SERVANT," MARY ANSWERED.
"MAY YOUR WORD TO ME BE FULFILLED." THEN
THE ANGEL LEFT HER.***

*Gabriel doesn't
offer God's message
as an option.*

Mary chooses to offer her complete consent without being asked.

Life is like this.



Indwelling sin's trick

*Rebel against this:
consent to what isn't
even your choice in
God's name.*



3.

*Use God-given
circumstances to pursue
God's encouragement.*

2 LUKE 1:39 – 45

AT THAT TIME MARY GOT READY AND HURRIED TO A TOWN IN THE HILL COUNTRY OF JUDEA, WHERE SHE ENTERED ZECHARIAH'S HOME AND GREETED ELIZABETH. WHEN ELIZABETH HEARD MARY'S GREETING, THE BABY LEAPED IN HER WOMB, AND ELIZABETH WAS FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

2 LUKE 1:39 – 45

IN A LOUD VOICE SHE EXCLAIMED: "BLESSED ARE YOU AMONG WOMEN, AND BLESSED IS THE CHILD YOU WILL BEAR! BUT WHY AM I SO FAVORED, THAT THE MOTHER OF MY LORD SHOULD COME TO ME? AS SOON AS THE SOUND OF YOUR GREETING REACHED MY EARS, THE BABY IN MY WOMB LEAPED FOR JOY. BLESSED IS SHE WHO HAS BELIEVED THAT THE LORD WOULD FULFILL HIS PROMISES TO HER!"

*How can you do this if an
angel has not talked to you?*



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