

Christmas: A Time of Submission & Obedience

Luke 1:26-55

#3 in our series: *Christmas: A Time Of . . .*

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→Who is the most powerful woman in the world?

Mary teaches us the value of a humble, trusting, servant's heart

1. Mary's EXPERIENCE teaches us about a servant's heart (vv 26-38)
 - A. The angel's STATEMENT- He called her "favored one" who "found favor"
 - KJV & NIV- "highly favored"
 - TEV- "greatly blessed"
 - CEV- "truly blessed"
 - WUEST- "encompassed with favor"
 - AMPL- "favored one (endued with grace)"

 - B. Mary's SURPRISE- She asks "How can this be?"

2. Mary's ENCOUNTER with Elizabeth teaches us about faith/trust in the Lord (vv 39-45)
 - A. Elizabeth's STATEMENT about Mary's blessedness (v 42)

 - B. Mary's SONG of praise in response

3. Mary's EXALTATION of the Lord in song teaches us about humility (vv 46-55)

→In the miracle of this birth and her choice to be the bearer of the savior, Mary was impressed with _____ rather than _____

SO WHAT? NOW WHAT?

1. Mary isn't one of the 100 most powerful women in the world . . . then or now!
BUT, she is worthy of _____
She is worthy of being _____

2. How does your attitude/spirit compare to Mary's?
 - readiness to serve Him?
 - eagerness to believe God for the impossible?
 - humility?

3. Are you committed to being an obedient servant like Mary?

4. Mary was committed to serving, trusting, obeying ... without knowing much about what was to come . . . how about you?