



# "Faith and the Life of Mary"

## Living by Faith Series

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### A Study about Growing strong in Faith

**Impossible with me. Possible with God.**

#### Those who live by faith...

1. ...\_\_\_\_\_ their lives to God's higher calling.

1) They are \_\_\_\_\_ to a benevolent Master.

☞ 38 And Mary said, "**Behold, the bondservant of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word.**" And the angel departed from her. [Luk 1:38 NASB95]

2) They are willing to redirect their \_\_\_\_\_ in life to God's plans.

☞ 5 May the Lord **direct your hearts** into the **love of God** and into the **steadfastness of Christ**. [2Th 3:5 NASB95]

☞ 17 "If anyone is **willing to do His will**, he will know of the teaching, whether it is of God or [whether] I speak from Myself. [Jhn 7:17 NASB95]

☞ 29 "And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for **I always do the things that are pleasing to Him.**" [Jhn 8:29 NASB95]

☞ Plunge the affections of your heart into the love of God and Christ's steadfastness.

2. ...\_\_\_\_\_ a divine appointment.

**Did Mary recognize...**

☞ 31 "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and **you shall name Him Jesus**. 32 "He will be great and will be **called the Son of the Most High**; and **the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David**; [Luk 1:31-32 NASB95]

1) ...the \_\_\_\_\_ promises to David and the Fathers?

☞ 31 "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. 32 "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; 33 and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end." [Luk 1:31-33 NASB95]

2) ...the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord?

☞ 7 "I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. [Psa 2:7 NASB95]

3) ...the \_\_\_\_\_ word of God.

☞ 15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel." [Gen 3:15 NASB95]

4) ...the words of \_\_\_\_\_ ?

☞ 3 Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near. [Rev 1:3 NASB95]

3. ...hear and \_\_\_\_\_ what the Lord has spoken.

☞ 45 "And blessed [is] **she** who **believed** that there would be a fulfillment of **what had been spoken** to her **by the Lord**." [Luke 1:45 NASB95]

## 1) Mary was very \_\_\_\_\_ with the word of God.

- ☪ This “Magnificat” has strong connections with Hannah’s prayer of thanksgiving in 1 Samuel 2:1–10. However it also alludes to at least 12 other Old Testament passages. Mary’s familiarity with the Old Testament shows her love for God and His Word. A striking feature of this poem is the fact that Mary viewed God as overthrowing established authorities (v. 52). This would have been of special interest to Luke’s original readers. She viewed herself as occupying an important role in the history of salvation (v. 48). Constable
- ☪ There are 15 discernible quotations from the Old Testament in this poem, showing how much the Old Testament was known and loved in the home in which Jesus was reared. Ryrie

## 2) What \_\_\_\_\_ do we have to be to start living by faith?

- ☪ While the Bible does not specifically state how old Mary was when Jesus was born, most **Christian historians speculate** that **she was around 15–16 years of age** at the time of Jesus’ birth. According to Jewish customs at the time, a young woman might become betrothed to a young man as early as 12 years of age, though the consummation of their marriage through ceremony and physical intimacy would not happen until they were legally married, many months or even years later.
- ☪ 33 Then Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are [but] a **youth** while he has been a warrior from his youth." [1Sa 17:33 NASB95]
- ☪ Youth - נַעַר **na‘ar**, nah’-ar - a boy (as active), from the age of infancy to adolescence

## 4. ...will enjoy eternal \_\_\_\_\_.

### 1) Gabriel is awesome in the beauty of \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☪ 26 Now in the sixth month **the angel Gabriel was sent from God** to a city in Galilee called Nazareth, ... 30 The angel said to her, "**Do not be afraid, Mary**, for you have found favor with God. [Luk 1:26, 30 NASB95]

### 2) Those who spend time in the presence of God exude the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

- ☪ 2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that **when He appears, we will be like Him**, because **we will see Him just as He is**. 3 And everyone who has this hope [fixed] on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. [1Jo 3:2-3 NASB95]
- ☪ 40 There are also heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but **the glory of the heavenly** is one, and the [glory] of the earthly is another. [1Co 15:40 NASB95]

### 3) Differing degrees of glory are related to the \_\_\_\_\_ exercised here.

- ☪ 41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for **star differs from star in glory**. [1Co 15:41 NASB95]
- ☪ 37 They said to Him, "Grant that we may sit, one on Your right and one on [Your] left, in Your glory." ... 40 "But to sit on My right or on [My] left, this is not Mine to give; but **it is for those for whom it has been prepared**." [Mar 10:37, 40 NASB95]
- ☪ 26 **‘He who overcomes**, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, **TO HIM I WILL GIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS**; [Rev 2:26 NASB95]
- ☪ 21 'He who overcomes, I will grant to him to **sit down with Me on My throne**, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. [Rev 3:21 NASB95]
- ☪ 16 Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. 17 For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, 18 while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal. [2Co 4:16-18 NASB95]