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Luke 1

[00:00:00] Let's go ahead and read to text and then we'll pray. We're in Luke chapter one. We're gonna look at the Song of Mary this morning, and we'll pick up in verse 46. And Mary said, my soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit has rejoiced in God my savior, for he has regarded the lowly state of his maid servant, for behold.

Hence forth. All generations will call me Blessed for he who is mighty, has done great things for me and holy is his name. And his mercy is on those who fear him from generation to generation. For he has shown strength with his arm. He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has put down the mighty from their thrones and exalted the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things and the rich he has sent away. He has helped his servant Israel in remembrance of his mercy as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever. And Lord, as we open your word and we look at this prayer of Mary, this song of Mary Lord, we can see. The character of a godly person.

And Lord, we can learn so much from her and Lord, that we would emulate these Godly people we see in your word. And be encouraged by the things that she was encouraged by. Be challenged by things that would need to change in our lives. And Lord, we just thank you for your word. It just brings life, it brings light.

And we need that today. So we just pray that as you so often do, just open our eyes to see wonderful things in your Word, and we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

So last week we talked about the comparison of Zacharias to Mary, who both had angels appear to them and announce pretty significant things that were about to take place. Zacharias Had this encounter with an angel who said, you and your wife, even in your old age are going to have a child and he will be John the Baptist, who will be a forerunner to Jesus Christ, to the coming of Christ as was prophesied in the Old Testament that God would send this voice of one crying in the wilderness, and then you had the angel appear to marry.

Announcing that she would be privileged to be the mother of the Messiah. And then we talked about how. They had different reactions. Zacharias even though he is a godly man, really didn't have the kind of faith he should had and kind of questioned, well, how's this possible? God, how's this gonna happen?

And the Lord brought this really correction to him and said, you're not gonna speak until this child's born because you doubted the word of the Lord. And yet Mary. When the promise was given to her, she just said, behold, the made servant of the Lord let it be to me, according to your word. And so just a great example for us is, we.

Read the word that we're not limiting God, that we're like Mary, to say, Lord, just let it be to me. According to your word, Lord, you're you are powerful. You can do anything. And I believe that what you've promised you will fulfill it as the angel said to her, for with God, nothing will be impossible And just this morning, sensing the Lord saying that to us in our prayer time, in worship time again of the, just the greatness of God, that nothing's impossible with God.

And so we see in Mary's prayer to the Lord of Thanksgiving in verse 46, how she says, my soul magnifies the Lord. And see that's what. Mary is doing she's saying, I, in my heart, in my mind, God is great. I want to magnify him. It's kinda like you take a magnifying glass, right, and you make the thing bigger that you're looking at.

Well, that's the idea is in my soul, I want to see God magnify that he's great and we can. Be in a place where we're not doing that, where our problems seem so magnified, they seem so big that God is diminished. God is. Is not so big in our hearts and minds. And so that's the importance of the importance of us being in the Word of God, meditating on the word of God.

Cuz faith comes through hearing, hearing through the word of God. Holy Spirit, show me how great you are. Show me how great God is and what he's able to do. It's really not something that we can just work up in ourselves, but it's as we humbly come before the Lord. And ask him to reveal himself to us, to that the Holy Spirit would magnify Christ.

That's one of the promises, right when Jesus said, I'm going away, but I will send the Spirit and he will take of mine and give it to you. So as we humbly just wait on the spirit and that and. Ask him to show us Christ. That is such a wonderful experience where and anybody can do this. You should, you're just humbly waiting on the Lord Holy Spirit.

You promised you would take the things of Christ and show them to me. You promised you would glorify Jesus Christ in my mind. And Lord, I now wait on you to do that. And He will come and do that. And then faith almost seems easy when. When you see the glory of God, you see the power of Jesus Christ and what he did for you on the cross, and the Lord then is magnified Notice.

Verse 46 47 where she says, my soul magnifies the Lord. My spirit has rejoiced in God, my savior. And in our culture we put so much emphasis on the body and the brain, and. Don't really think so much of the soul and the spirit, but of course, these are the eternal parts of us, right? The spirit, the soul, and a, as Christians, we've come to understand that and as Paul said, bodily exercise.

Pro exercise profits a little, but godliness, profits for all time in eternity. And so, yes, we want to take care of our bodies. We want to exercise our minds. Like I tell the kids in school, your brain's a muscle. The more you use it, it's gonna get stronger. And yet our real emphasis is on the soul and the spirit feeding our spirits with the word of God.

Being in church, being with the body of Christ, so our souls, our spirits can be built up and strengthened. And so Mary, as she has now seen the Greatness of what the Lord is doing. She's just magnifying the Lord. She's, she understands how privileged she is to be the mother of the Messiah, so she's magnifying the Lord.

Verse 47, she says, my spirit has rejoiced in God, my savior and isn't that. Such a wonderful thing as we see God answer prayer, we see the Lord work in our lives, that there's just that rejoicing in the Lord. You think of time, a time when you were not right with God. You weren't walking with the Lord.

You certainly weren't rejoicing in the Lord, right? You were avoiding the things of the Lord. I remember before I was saved as a teenager man, when I would see Christians, I would just try to avoid them. Cuz to me they were like this shining bright light and I just didn't want to interact with, I knew what they were, I knew they were speaking the truth.

I knew they were living right, but I just wanted my darkness and that it was too much light. And And I certainly didn't rejoice in the things of the Lord. If you somehow. Talked me into going to church once in a while, I would. And it just all kind of scared me, and overwhelmed me.

I just didn't understand until I surrendered my life to Christ. And then the light went on and I realized, oh, God's for me. He's not against me. He doesn't want

to condemn me. He just wants my faith in Jesus and in the cross and he wants me to rejoice and to walk with him. And so you just see this beautiful.

Interaction with the Lord from Mary, where she's magnifying the Lord. She's rejoicing the Lord. And notice it says, I rejoiced in God my savior. See, Mary didn't need a savior, right? There's some confusion in Roman Catholicism where they say, well, no, Mary was The immaculate conception. She in other words, in her conception, when she was born, she was without sin.

And yet we can see from scripture that's not true. It says all of sin and falls short of the glory of God and that Mary [00:10:00] needed a savior. And she's acknowledging right God is her savior. And then verse 48, he says, for he has regarded the lowly state of his maid. For behold, hence forth. All generations will call me blessed.

And this theme that we keep seeing through scripture, we've been studying through Isaiah continual theme. We have seen how God will humble, the proud, and he'll give grace to the humble and. Notice Mary she recognized her lowly state that she was not an important person by the world standards.

She was kind of a nobody, right? And and she was aware of that, right? That She was nobody special in the world's eyes but she was waiting on the Lord for his purpose and his plan in her life. And see, I think that's very important for all of us that, we can, we, most of us look at ourselves and like, well, we're nobody.

The world doesn't recognize us as anything great and I'm, I kind of, I have this lowly state I'm in and yet, isn't it amazing how when the Lord calls you and you hear his voice and you begin to follow him in his calling for your life, he makes you feel so important, doesn't.

You, you don't feel like, oh, I have no purpose. I'm lowly, I wish I was this great person in the world who got recognition and fame. We don't care about that. When you understand the kingdom of God, you want to take that lowly sense of mind and say, Lord, I wanna live for your purposes.

And notice what she says. She says, I'm your maid servant. This is what a lowly person is like, is we look at the character of Mary, this woman of God. Jesus said, I did not come to be served. I came to serve. And it's so important as believers that's how we view ourselves. That's how we view.

Our lives that Lord, we are here to serve you. We are here to serve others. And that brings such fulfillment. Of course, that's a the exact opposite of what the

world says. The world says, you got it. It's all about you. It's about you. Satisfying your own desires and your own will, and Jesus said, no, I don't do my own will I?

It's only the will of the Father. We see Mary's heart. I'm a maid servant of the Lord. And that's really the highest position you can have in this world is to be a servant of the Lord. Paul called himself he, as he would open a letter in scripture, he'd say Paul, a bond servant of Jesus Christ.

That was his identity. I mean, you think about what is your identity, how do you view yourself? The world's so confused about that. They say, well, you have to have self-esteem or esteem yourself highly. And it's like, well, you have to do that in the sense that the Bible teaches us that were to be humble, to recognize how God.

Esteems our faith. He loves us because of our faith in Christ. Cuz we're trusting in Christ, we're pleasing him. That's where we get our self-esteem, as it were. So you can be humble, the a servant of the Lord and that's your identity like Lord, that's the highest position is to serve you and to live for you.

So, What's interesting also is the Lord, it says he has regarded the lowly state of his maid servant and see, the Lord sees us in the state we're in. See, he doesn't look to. The mighty and the strong. I was thinking about this verse. I looked up in Isaiah 66, if I can find it here.

Isaiah 66 says, God says for thus says the Lord. Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool. Where is the house that you will build for? And where is the place of my rest for all these, all those things. My hand is made and all. Those things exist, says the Lord. But on this one, will I look on him who is poor and of a contract spirit and who trembles at my word?

So we, you get this picture of God is high and holy and he created the heavens and the earth. Heavens is throne. Earth is footstool. What is gonna impress God? Well this is, he says, this is the one to whom I will look upon in with favor. In other words, he who is of a poor and a contract spirit who trembles at my word.

And we see that with Mary. She was lowly, she was poor, she was of a contract spirit. She feared the Lord and this is the one to whom the Lord will look and. Bring blessing verse 48 says the second part says, for behold, henceforth, all generations will call me blessed. And so the blessing of her being the mother of

the Messiah, and we think about that, what a privilege for her to be able to carry the person of Christ in her womb.

and this is part of our Christmas celebration, is the birth of Jesus. And Mary's an important part of that, but we think about our lives, how blessed we are, really even more blessed than Mary. Jesus said of John the Baptist that he was the greatest. Prophet that ever lived because he had the privilege of introducing Christ the Messiah.

But then Jesus said, but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than John the Baptist. So, Even like if you're a brand new Christian and you feel like, wow, I don't really know much. You are in God's eyes greater than John the Baptist, who is the greatest prophet of the Old Testament, because the new covenant is so superior to the old Covenant that.

Mary had the physical body of Jesus in her body. We have the spirit of Christ in us, which is even a higher privilege that we are so blessed. And on Wednesdays we've been studying Ephesians and you talk about a book that describes the blessings that we have. As believers in Ephesians one verse three, it says, blessed be the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.

And think about that. He has blessed us as Christians cuz we've trusted in Christ, we are in Christ. We're standing in his righteousness, in his work. We are blessed and we have every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. So we have Christ living in us. Paul says it's no longer I who lives is Christ who lives in me.

We have. Christ who had died, been buried, resurrected, ascended to heaven, and sent the Holy Spirit to live and dwell in us. We are blessed. Verse 49, for He who is mighty, has done great things for me and holy is his name.

Again, this idea of a godly person like Mary,

recognizing how mighty God is magnifying him and just living in that kind of mentality that no God, you're greater. Than any of my problems. You are mighty. You are strong and you're gonna take that strength and do great things for me. And Mary saw that in her loneliness. In her humility, God.

Was able to do great things in her life. And then notice it says Sh. She says, holy is his name. And of course, when the scripture talks about the name of

somebody, it's really his, the person's reputation, their character, and the holiness of God is such an important part of his character that Mary recognized.

Though a holiness just means like you're set apart. From others, things in the temple, in the tabernacle, as the Jews would worship God and bring sacrifices. You would have certain pitchers and cups and lampstands. All of these things were holy. They were not to be used for common use.

They were set apart. To worship the Lord. And we are holy in that sense, that we're the holy people of God. We're set apart to worship him, but God is holy. He is set apart. There's none like the [00:20:00] Lord. And when we view God that way, that he deserves our worship, he the beauty of his holiness, that he's mighty.

We can trust in him, we can have peace. And verse 50 says, and his mercy is on those who fear him from generation to generation and. The fear of the Lord. That's such an important component of a Godly person. The privilege we have of really reading this prayer from Mary and her just seeing her heart, seeing this godly person.

We can learn so much from her, but she recognized his mercy toward her. She needed God's mercy and. We've heard mercy defined as, God not giving us what we deserve. Grace being God, giving us a gift which we don't deserve, and the consequences that are due to us from our sin, where God withholds those, that's his mercy.

And often we do cry out. Lord have mercy on me. I've fallen short and the consequences of sin are upon me. And Lord, I'm asking you to have mercy on me. And that is just such an important part of a person who loves God is the fear of the Lord. And, I thought about the attitude where it says, blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy.

and it shows a lot about our character, the way that we deal with other people. If we're judgmental and we're not showing mercy then you really shouldn't be expecting to get mercy from God or from other people. And as believers, it's really not our job to kind of fix people or straighten people out or read them the right act and we're, we don't really represent the law, right.

We represent Christ. And it's not to say we never call a person out for their sin, but it's always done from a place of humility. And knowing that Hey, I've been forgiven much and I love the Lord much because of that. So I tend then the

way I interact with other people to come from a place of humility, not self-righteousness.

And people can sense that when you're interacting with them and you got that sense of self-righteousness and you're looking down on 'em, why can't you be as good as me? What's wrong with you? No we've received mercy. So we view people. They need mercy too, from us, from God, and we want them to discover what we've discovered.

So we tend to then point them to his mercy and his grace. That's why it's called good news, right? That we say, Hey, God's had mercy on me. I have God's favor, not because I'm such a righteous person to myself. No, because I've trusted in Christ and I'm walking in the power of his spirit through his grace.

And you can have that too just by believing. But when you're kind of a self-righteous pharacy, you tend to get angry at people for their sin and irritated at them. And Okay though then you shouldn't expect mercy back cuz it's his blessed or the merciful, they shall obtain mercy. So I want to be merciful toward people in my heart, in my actions.

Verse 51. He has shown strength with his arm. He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has. Put down the mighty from their thrones and exalted the lowly. So again, this theme, you cannot miss it. We've seen this over and over again as we've taught through Isaiah, that the Lord, he's dealing with the proud hearts.

And notice what it says in the imagination of their hearts. They're the way that they think about themselves. They're being dece. When a person's proud because, well, God gives us our very breath. He gives us our very heartbeat. How can you be proud of who you are? And again, that tends to show itself when you're looking down on others.

And those who are very gifted in the natural, maybe very intelligent, or they have some kind of musical gift or they're able to make money cuz God's gifted them with intelligence and business sense, whatever. You can see how that would be hard for them because they're they've been given this gift.

And then they they just are sort of worshiping this gift, holding on this gift and taking credit for it as if they created that gift in themselves. And the Lord then has to. Work on that person to bring to humble them, right? So in our interactions with God, we always wanna be saying, Lord, show me where there's pride in my life and self-righteousness.

And Lord, I wanna humble myself. See, I don't want God to have to humble me. I wanna humble myself under the mighty hand of God. Then he can exalt me and lift me up. Don't you wanna be lifted up by God and exalted where it says He will exalt the holy. So I want to get low before the Lord and say, oh, Lord, I really don't trust myself.

I don't trust my heart. Will you crucify my flesh? Fill me with the spirit and Lord, you Deal with pride in my life and Lord help me to humble myself before you that you may be, that you may bless me and exalt me, that I may interact with you properly and you're not having to resist me. God resists the proud, but he gives grace to the humble and the proud Christian.

Yes, he will resist you, and he will deal with that area of pride , in our lives. And so, But notice when, as we're praying for others, it's something God has. We talked about this a lot in the last year. We're going through Isaiah and praying along with God, understanding how the Lord works.

And when you see a proud person, someone who's resisting the Lord then you're praying for them. You're, if you're praying along with God, you're not just saying, well, Lord, just bless them and give them everything they want. No, you're saying, Lord, they're proud. I can see that I have a discerning spirit and I can see that they're resisting you, Lord.

And I pray, Lord, whatever it takes to bring them to their knees and Lord, would you Would you open their eyes? Cuz in their imagination, in the way they think they're being deceived, and Lord, would you open their eyes? So, you know what, you see what I'm saying? We're praying along with the way God works and Lord just scatter their pride.

Bring them down. We, Lord, I ultimately, I do want them blessed, but I know that they're gonna have to bend the knee. They're gonna have to get over their pride and it's, Even as we see our enemies, as it were, you might see a political leader or something, you're so upset with them, you're so angry.

No, pray for them, Lord. You see pride in them. Lord, just humble them, open their eyes. They're being deceived. They're in the imagination of their heart. They're proud Lord. Just humble them. So then we're praying along with the way God's working. We're not getting angry at the proud, but we're praying for.

But You can see how Mary certainly recognized that there were proud people around her and that God was dealing with them and yet she had humbled herself for the Lord. It seems, it's almost seems as if Mary was just waiting on the Lord,

and of course we know she was. She was very young, could have been around 16 years old. And sometimes we think, young people they just, they can't understand all this. Yes, they can. Yes they can. You're praying for them. I'm just amazed. I love watching, some, the kids in chapel. It's a school, worship the Lord and how their hearts are open to the Lord.

And so the The importance of us praying that. Young people would experience the Lord. But you, you see her as this young woman, it seems like just waiting on the Lord for the purpose of her life. I don't know that, the Lord had told her before this, Hey, you're gonna, like when she was 10, hey, you're gonna be the mother of the Messiah.

But I think as she grew up and she, you clearly, she had a heart for the Lord. She just had a sense that, Lord, you're gonna do something in my life. I'm waiting on you. I'm humbling myself before you. I'm seeking your will for my life. See, this is a person, then the Lord's just gonna show up and boom. He speaks to you.

And I, I could tell you stories in, in my life, like I, one story that came to mind this week where I remember at Cal Chapel, Arlington, I would serve in different capacities there, worship leader and youth leader, different things. I did the eight years we were there, but I remember Probably a year or so before we felt the Lord calling us to start the church.

I was baptizing, I'm pretty sure I was baptizing Britney and Kelly. They had a baptismal there up on the stage, and I remember. After I baptized him and they were, singing worship songs. I went in the back room they had back there where, people would change. I was just sitting there by myself and man who was like, I had this experience with the Lord.

Like he was saying, you're gonna be doing this kind of thing more often. You're like, he was calling me to be a pastor. Like, like, I didn't, hadn't seen it before that. So clearly. And I think there are those times where you're, you're just serving the Lord. You're trying to live for the Lord in what's before you.

You're trying to keep your heart right before the Lord but you're still not quite okay, Lord, I don't quite know what you have for me. I just have a sense, you have something [00:30:00] awesome coming for me. And I see, I think that's where Mary's heart was and then, That's a great place to be cuz you're just waiting for the Lord and then one day you're gonna boom.

God's just gonna come and say, this is it. This is it. And it's awesome. It's glorious. And to serve the Lord, it's the highest honor of all. Like what she said. All generations will call me blessed. And so this idea of the Lord. Humbling. The proud, lifting up the humble. He verse 52, he is put down the mighty from their thrones and exalted the lowly.

See, when we're sitting on the throne of our life, that's a bad place to be. No, we, I was so beautiful in our prayer time this morning, just hearing the different people share and pray and One person was saying how they just, you know what? Less of me, more of the Lord. You just hear the Lord calling you that like, I don't wanna be in charge.

I want him to be in charge. And again that's a person God can work with. He puts the mighty. He put down the mighty from their thrones, and we'll look it down. We'll think, yeah those sinners, they need those proud people. They need to put down from their thrones. And the Lord saying, eh, wait a minute, you got some stuff where you're sitting on the throne and I gotta work with you.

Okay. And it's okay, Lord. Yeah, I hear you. And so we can pray humbly for others that we can clearly see, okay they're on their mighty throne, they need to be brought down. But don't forget, Pray for ourselves. Lord, show me where I'm sitting on the throne and I wanna be exalted by you. I want to be lowly.

Verse 53, he says, he has filled the hungry with good things and the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped his servant Israel in remembrance of his mercy. As he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever. So in that beautiful, he's filled the hungry with good things. And that makes me think of the be attitudes that are both in Matthew and Luke where Jesus' blessed are the poor.

In fact, let's just jump over there to Luke chapter six. Luke chapter six, verse 20. Then he lifted up his eyes toward his disciples and said, blessed are you poor for yours is the kingdom of heaven. So notice that. Place of humility. Now, in, in the Matthew version, he's, he says, blessed are the poor spirit.

So that's the idea. It's not necessarily financial, but certainly there are dangers when you have a lot of money and the Bible warns us about that. And when you are. Poor materially. You can actually be in a place, if you turn that over to the Lord, you can receive provision from the Lord and it can open up a rela a deeper relationship with him.

But you know, as Jesus said, it's almost impossible for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. So it is a very difficult thing for a rich person to humble themselves and to trust in the Lord. But I think that, Deeper truth here is blessed are the poor and spirit for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who hunger now for you shall be filled. As Mary just referenced that she said he has filled the hungry with good things. Blessed are you who weep now for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when men hate you, when they exclude you and revile you and cast out your name as evil for the Son, for the son of man's sake.

Rejoice in that day and leap for joy. For indeed. Your reward is great in heaven for in like manner their fathers did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full for you shall hunger. Woe to you who laugh now for you shall mourn and we woe to you when all men speak well of you for so did their fathers.

To the false prophets. So can't get into that too deeply. But certainly when Mary references he has felt hungry with good things and the rich she has sent away empty the attitudes there. It's a great thing to meditate on. I, in fact I believe that Sermon on the mount.

The be attitudes is so important that we meditate on that and understand a lot of those truths. And then we see verse 54, he is help to serve in Israel in remembrance of his mercy as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever. You can see through Mary's prayer here that. She was a young woman who knew the word of God.

She had the kind of the big picture perspective of what God has done through history through the nation of Israel. And that's important that. We read the Bible. We understand the big picture. You don't have to be a theologian or be, an expert on the Bible, but to, study enough to where you, you can see God's hand, through history.

Him appearing to Abraham and then Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and the 12 sons of Jacob, and how they went to Egypt and then came out of Egypt to the wilderness, and then through Joshua, came into the promised Land. And the periods of the judges and the kings, and then they're taken into captivity, into Babylon, and then returned back to Babylon or back to Israel.

And then had this 400 years of silence as it were, no from the last prophet Malachi to, to when Jesus came. Just that big picture view of how God was

working through the nation of Israel and to bring ultimately the Messiah. And it's fascinating to me because you.

You, this is the product of all those years of God working with the nation of Israel. You get this person like Mary to me, this is amazing. Or a person like Zacharias. And Elizabeth said they were, blameless before the Lord. I mean, there was a remnant that God had prepared, like these were godly people that were seeking the Lord.

And I just have a lot of respect for a person like that. I mean, that's the kind of person I want to be, who is seeking the Lord. And God gives us insights to people like this in, in, in their hearts. But all those years of God dealing with the nation of Israel, he wouldn't give up on him.

And then, there, there were so chastised by the Lord that he dealt with them. Do you ever feel like that? Like I just put you through the ringer? Like, I was reading in Psalm 19, 19 the longest Psalm in the Bible that it's beautiful psalm, but I was reading through there where he says he talks a lot about how God has chastised him and dealt with him severely.

And he says, Lord, had you not done that, I wouldn't be in this place of of receptivity to you. And so, yeah, it's hard to be a Christian. It, I mean, God takes you he you like, you surrender to him and he says, okay, I'm gonna, I'm gonna work on you. You ready for this? And you're like, I mean, there's tremendous blessing experiences with God, but man, our flesh is fighting the whole way.

And there's that battle between the flesh and the spirit. So, but the product, the end product of who God is making you into is so valuable. It's worth the difficulties. And look at this, the product of this young woman that God had produced, that she was ready to be the Mother and the Messiah.

And what can God do through your life, as you humbly submit to him. And it's exciting, isn't it? So let's pray. Lord, thank you for the fact that you never give up on us, that you're working on us. You're growing us you're speaking to us, you're encouraging us. You're just a perfect father.

You bring correction when it's needed, sometimes even a spanking if it's needed, a timeout, or, you're a perfect father. And as we our obedient children, Lord, and we don't resist your will. It can go better for us. That you don't have to be as hard on us. And Lord we pray that we will respond to your voice, your work in our lives, to where we can be humble.

Servant of the Lord, like we see this young. Young girl, Mary, beautiful picture to see in her heart and her prayer. And Lord, we just thank you that you don't give up on us that you're. Calling us to be servants made servants of the Lord. Servants of the Lord. And that is the highest calling, the highest privilege we can have to serve you Lord.

And then Lord, for each of us to, just as we're waiting on you for that breakthrough, maybe that word from you of direction, that you will bring that. Experience. It's probably not gonna be an angel appearing to us, but man, it's even better when your Holy Spirit fills us and speaks to us and gives us direction for our life.

And so I thank you Lord for this church. I thank you for the, so many Godly people I can look at and say, wow, they're humble. They're open to the word of the Lord. And it's just a joy to know people like that. There's kind of people I just respect so much, Lord, and Lord, as we just have a little time of sharing that you would speak through us and to your people in Jesus' name.

Amen.[00:40:00]