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A Mother in the Movement: Mary and the Birth of the Spirit-Filled Life

(Luke 1:26–38; Luke 1:46–55; John 19:25–27; Acts 1:12–14)

“In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin’s name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, ‘Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!’ ²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ And the angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³² 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, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.’ ³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, ‘How will this be, since I am a virgin?’ ³⁵ And the angel answered her, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶ And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God.’ ³⁸ And Mary said, ‘Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.’ And the angel departed from her.” (Luke 1:26-38)

❖ **A Chosen Mother in a Divine Moment** (Luke 1:26–33)

- God’s Choice is Rooted in Grace
- God Delights in Using the Overlooked
- God’s Purpose Often Comes as Interruption

❖ **A Surrendered Yes That Changed History** (Luke 1:34–38)

- Faith Can Ask Honest Questions

- The Spirit Initiates What Only God can Accomplish
- Surrender Opens the Door to Participation

❖ **A Song of Faith in the Midst of Uncertainty** (*Luke 1:46–55*)

- True Worship Does Not Wait for Visible Results
- Humility Rejoices in Grace
- The Kingdom of God Brings Holy Reversal

❖ **A Faithful Mother at the Foot of the Cross** (*John 19:25–27*)

- Faithfulness Sometimes Looks Like Standing in Sorrow
- Jesus Honors Faithful Love
- What We Nurture Must Eventually be Released

❖ **A Mother in the Upper Room** (*Acts 1:12–14*)

- A True yes to God Keeps Saying Yes
- No One Outgrows the Need for the Spirit

- Waiting in Faith is Never Wasted

❖ **The Message for Us Today**

- God Uses Surrendered People
- The Spirit Often Works Before Others Can See It
- Faith Must Carry Us through Every Season
- Stay in Position for Pentecost