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### Luke 1:26-50

#### *Birth of Jesus Foretold*

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O  *favored one*, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup>But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found  *favor* with God. <sup>31</sup>And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup>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, <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

<sup>34</sup>And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

<sup>35</sup>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. <sup>36</sup>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. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God. <sup>38</sup>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.

### *Mary Visits Elizabeth*

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup>and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup>and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “*Blessed* are you among women, and *blessed* is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup>And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup>For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And *blessed* is she who *believed* that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

### *Mary’s Song of Praise: The Magnificat*

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

<sup>47</sup> And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

<sup>48</sup> For he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me *blessed*.

<sup>49</sup> for he who is mighty has done great things for me,

And holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup> And his mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.

## *Mary's Blessings*

She had \_\_\_\_\_ (grace) with God.

She was a woman of \_\_\_\_\_.

She had a \_\_\_\_\_ who listened to God and obeyed.

She carried the \_\_\_\_\_ in her womb & raised Him in her home.

## *Mary's Life*

She was the object of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

She was very \_\_\_\_\_.

She was a \_\_\_\_\_.

She had broken \_\_\_\_\_ relationships.

She had a changing \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus.

She endured the agony of watching her Son \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_.

## *Let Suffering Work Eternal Good*

James 1:12

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under **trial**, for when he has stood the **test** he will receive *the crown of life*, which God has promised to those who love him.

1 Peter 1:6-9

<sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, though now **for a little while**, if necessary, you have been grieved by **various trials**, <sup>7</sup>so that the **tested** genuineness of your faith—more precious than **gold that perishes** though it is **tested by fire**—may be found to *result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ*. <sup>8</sup>Though you have not seen him, you believe in him and *rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory*, <sup>9</sup>*obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls*.

1 Peter 5:10

. . . *After you have **suffered a little while**, the God of all grace, who has called you to His *eternal glory* in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.*

Romans 8:28-30

<sup>28</sup>And we know that for those who love God **all things work together for good**, for those who are called according to his purpose.<sup>29</sup> . . . to be *conformed to the image of his Son* . . . <sup>30</sup>And those whom he *predestined* he also *called*, and those whom he called he also *justified*, and those whom he justified he also *glorified*.

Romans 8:18

For I consider that the **sufferings of this present time** are not worth comparing with *the glory that is to be revealed to us*.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

<sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away our inner self is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this **light momentary affliction** is preparing for us an *eternal weight of glory* beyond all comparison, <sup>18</sup>as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are **transient**, but the things that are unseen are *eternal*.

## “Blessings”

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What if your blessings come through rain drops?

What if your healing comes through tears?

What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know you're near?

What if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise?

*Don't waste your trials!*

*Let them mold you more and more  
into the image of your precious  
Lord Jesus.*