



The Unwanted Parts of Motherhood

I. God's Provision for Mary & Her Future

Luke 1:26–28 (NIV®)

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- A. Chosen by God for a Unique Role
- B. God's Provision was Sufficient
- C. A Most Remarkable Set of Experiences
- D. In God's Will
- E. Heartbreaking Moments
- F. Victory in Knowing Jesus
- G. Had to Surrender Her Dreams

II. Unwanted Challenges

A. Timing Was a Problem

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B. Disruption of Her Plans & Dreams

Matthew 1:18–19 (NIV®)

¹⁸This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.



C. Gossip, Hatred & Rejection

Luke 1:38–40 (NIV®)

³⁸“I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May it be to me as you have said.” Then the angel left her. ³⁹At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, ⁴⁰where she entered Zechariah’s home and greeted Elizabeth.

D. Unprepared & Inadequate

Luke 2:43–46 (NIV®)

⁴³After the Feast was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. ⁴⁴Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. ⁴⁶**After three days they found him** in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

E. Knowing & Waiting

John 2:1–5 (NIV®)

¹On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus’ mother was there, ²and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine was gone, Jesus’ mother said to him, “They have no more wine.” ⁴“Dear woman, why do you involve me?” Jesus replied. “My time has not yet come.” ⁵His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

Luke 2:16–19 (NIV®)

¹⁶So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹But **Mary treasured up all these things** and pondered them in her heart.



F. Processing Loss

John 19:25–27 (NIV®)

²⁵**Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother**, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Dear woman, here is your son,” ²⁷and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

G. Beyond Your Control

John 19:30 (NIV®)

When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Crucifixion, Resurrection, Ascension

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for the mother You chose for me. I trust Your grace and mercy. Today I choose to bless her and rejoice in the faithfulness of my God. I pray for the families of our nation —strengthen them, awaken them to your purposes, and protect them from evil. In Jesus’ name, amen.