

The Legacy of Mary

The Legacy of Christmas — Week 1

Devotional

Day 1: The Power of the Virgin Birth

Reading: Luke 1:26-35

Devotional:

The virgin birth is a miraculous event that paves the way for Jesus to be both fully God and fully man. This foundational truth emphasizes the divine orchestration involved in God's redemption plan. Mary's humble acceptance of this role sets a precedent for her legacy—obedience born out of faith. Her willingness to participate in God's extraordinary plan teaches us that humility and trust prepare us for God's purposes.

Application:

Reflect on areas of your life where God may be calling you to participate in His plans. Ask yourself if humility or fear is keeping you from accepting these roles. Commit to a daily prayer, asking God to reveal how you can step into His purposes with a willing heart.

Day 2: Humble Beginnings

Reading: Luke 1:46-56

Devotional:

Mary's song, the Magnificat, is a profound expression of humility and worship. She acknowledges God's greatness, mercy, and the blessings bestowed upon her despite her lowly status. Her recognition of God's reversals—exalting the humble and bringing down the proud—shows deep spiritual insight. Mary's legacy is in her recognition that true elevation comes from God, not human achievement or status.

Application:

Identify moments where you might seek recognition or validation from others. **Consider** how you can shift your focus to glorifying God instead. This week, **practice humility** by serving others quietly and intentionally. **Reflect** on how these acts can further God's kingdom, even if they go unnoticed by the world.

Day 3: The Quiet Impact of Obedience

Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

Devotional:

Though not in Luke, Joseph's response to the angel echoes the theme of humility in obedience. He accepts his role as Jesus' earthly father despite the societal stigma. Like Mary, Joseph's quiet faithfulness leaves a legacy of obedience over societal approval. This underscores the power of quiet service and faithful adherence to God's will.

Application:

Think about an area in your life where quiet obedience could make a significant impact. **Make a commitment to pursue this**, regardless of how small the task might seem. **Reflect** on how fulfilling God's purposes, even quietly, can change the lives of those around you.

Day 4: Preparing the Way Through Service

Reading: Luke 1:57-66

Devotional:

The birth of John the Baptist to Elizabeth and Zechariah is a testament to God working through humble servants to fulfill His promises. Their obedience in naming John, as instructed by God, reflects their respect for divine authority over tradition. This familial legacy of faithfulness and service prepared the way for a pivotal figure in Jesus' earthly ministry.

Application:

Consider the legacy of faith and service you are building within your family or community. What are tangible ways you can prepare the way for God's work in your sphere of influence? **Look for opportunities** of service, teaching, or example-setting that strengthens others' faith journeys.

Day 5: A Lasting Legacy of Faith

Reading: Luke 1:67-80

Devotional:

Zechariah's prophecy over John emphasizes a legacy of serving God's redemptive plan. His words articulated hope and salvation, foreshadowing the great work that his son would perform. Each act of humility, service, and faith contributes to a broader tapestry of God's purpose. Our legacy should be grounded in these same principles, echoing through generations.

Application:

Take time to **write down the values and principles you want to leave as a legacy. Make a commitment** to one actionable step this week that aligns with these values, ensuring your legacy reflects your faith.