

In Good Company: In Response to Waiting!

Text: Luke 1:30–33, 46–48;

Topic: Mary, Disgrace, Waiting, Hope

Big Idea of the Message: Mary experienced disgrace and struggle in carrying and raising Jesus, but God gave her strength and blessed her.

Application Point: We place our faith in God's love and promise when we are lonely and questioning.

It is not only important to wait with expectation and joyful hope, but to be ready to respond when we hear the voice of God calling us to His purpose in every area of our life.

1. The Context of God's Call! (26-33)

Here is where we miss it so many times...

Often times we hold Mary in a wrongful light, assuming that something is more special about her than any other, but the truth is, she is called by God to take part in His plan to redeem humanity.

Today He is calling us to take part in His kingdom activity.

While she was ordinary, this call was extraordinary....

The call is bigger than she can comprehend.

The call is bigger than she can do in her own strength.

God's plan to use you is just as significant as His plan to use Mary.....

Is God calling you out of waiting to step out in faith?

2. The Complexity of God's Call! (34-35)

Mary would also go through some struggles, even in the promise of the Savior she was to deliver.

Embracing this reality would make things Complicated in the immediate moment of life.

The complexity comes when we attempt to look at God's call outside of the lens of faith!

In light of Faith and the trustworthiness of God's word, the complexity fades and simplicity appears.

3. The Clarity of God's Call! (36-38)

The clarity of God's call comes as we step out in faith and embrace the truth already revealed.

Illumination builds confidence.

Even the Mother of Jesus had to place her faith in God in moments of loneliness and questions while she waited.

Obedient Faithful Service Results in Illumination of God's Path!