

One Crazy Christmas - Finding Peace in the Chaos

Title: Leaning In To Interruptions

Scripture: Luke 1:28-56

Mary Was Highly Favored By God

Angel of the Lord went to her and said, "Greetings, you are highly favored. The Lord is with you.
Luke 1:28

Mary Was Troubled By the Interruption

She was troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. Luke 1:29

Mary Embraced the Interruption

I am the Lord's servant, Mary answered. May your word to me be fulfilled. Then the angel left her.
Luke 1:38

What Mary Did To Lean Into This Interruption:

- 1. To Lean In, She Visits Elizabeth - Luke 1:39-42**
- 2. To Lean In, She Worshiped in Song - Luke 1:46-58**

Verses to Worship God:

V. 46 & 47 - My soul magnifies the Lord and my Spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

V. 48 - For he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.

V. 49 - from now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Might One has done great things for me - holy is his name!

V. 50 - His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.

Verses To Go Against Herod:

V. 52 - He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.

Henry Blackaby: Experiencing God (Book): The Seven Realities Of Experiencing God:

1. God existing
2. God creating us
3. God's invitation to a relationship
4. God speaking
5. Crisis/Tension
6. Our adjustment to God's will
7. Obedience and experience with God - our Growth

Leaning In Keeps Us in the Growth