

MAGNIFIED — Faith

Luke 2:1–7

The Word of God Changes Everything

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John 1:14 — The Word became flesh and dwelt among us...

How does the Word change us?

A. God's Word brings light.

Psalm 119:105

John 1:5

2 Corinthians 4:6

Our deepest need in our darkest moments is light.

Light drives out the darkness.

B. God's Word reveals the Father.

John 14:9

To magnify means: to make larger, to praise enthusiastically, to glorify.

Prayer: *May Your Word magnify You in our life.*

Two Ways the Bible Uses the Word “WORD”

LOGOS — The general truth of God

- God's written Word
- Eternal truth
- Scripture we meditate on

RHEMA — The revealed word of God

- A specific message spoken by God
- Timely
- Applied by the Holy Spirit
- Not a new word, but the Spirit illuminating the Word of the Father

John 6:63
John 16:13–15

Meditation leads to revelation.

Revelation activates faith.

Activated faith changes everything.

John 5:39

Romans 10:17

1 John 5:4

When faith is activated, things change:

Slaves → Victors
Shame → Honor
Fear → Courage
Anxiety → Peace
Isolation → Community
Outsider → Friendship
Frustrated → Satisfied
Overwhelmed → Untroubled
Rushed → Rested

The Testimony of Scripture

Romans 15:4

Mary Receives the Word (Luke 1:26–38)

A. What we know about Mary

She was:

- From Nazareth
- A young virgin
- Engaged to Joseph
- From the house of David

B. The Greeting (v.29)

Mary was troubled by the logos:

“Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you.”

Why?

Because she did not see herself as favored or honored.

“Nothing good came from Nazareth.”

C. The Word (vv.30–33)

Gabriel delivers the Word of the Lord, prophetic promises (2 Samuel 7, Isaiah 7,9, etc.):

- He will be great
- He will be called the Son of the Most High
- He will be given the throne of David
- He will reign over Jacob forever
- His kingdom will have no end

D. The Question (v.34)

“How can this be?”

A humble, honest recognition: “You might be talking to the wrong person...”

E. The Revelation (vv.35–37)

- The Holy Spirit will accomplish it
- God is bigger than Mary's limitations
- Elizabeth's pregnancy is confirmation
- "Nothing will be impossible with God"
- No revealed rhema is impossible

F. The Response (v.38)

"I am the Lord's servant. May it happen to me as You have said."

"Let what You have revealed to me take place."

The Pattern

God speaks → God is magnified → Faith is activated → Things change

Logos leads to rhema, rhema leads to faith, and faith leads to transformation.

A Word for Us Today

Whatever you walk in with today, walk out believing the Word of the Lord over your life.

- You are highly favored because you are in Christ.
- You are anointed because His Spirit lives in you.

Let Mary's response become our response:

"Let it be to me according to Your Word."

The Encouragement (Luke 1:39–55)

God will give increase to your faith.

Mary Before:

Unknown • Unseen • Ordinary • Confused • Troubled • Unqualified

Mary After:

Confidence • Surrender • Joy • Faith • Expectation

God is magnified within her.

What changed?

None of her circumstances changed — but she received the Word of the Lord.

What is the victory? Faith. (1 John 5:4)

"Let it be to me according to Your Word."