



Following in Times of Confusion (Mary)

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Ignite, following in times of confusion.

Luke 1:26-36

26 In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, 27 to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." 29 Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. 30 But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. 31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." 34 "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" 35 The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called[a] the Son of God.

Luke 1:46-55

Mary's Song: 46 And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord 47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, 48 for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, 49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me— holy is his name.50 His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.51 He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. 52 He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. 53 He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. 54 He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful 55 to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors."

"Confusion and impotence are the inevitable results when the wisdom and resources of the world are substituted for the presence and power of the Spirit."

- Samuel Chadwick

Isaiah 41:10

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Romans 8:38-39

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, [a] neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

John 14: 15-17

"If you love me, keep my commands. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be[a]l in you.

"Her servanthood is not a cringing slavery but a submission to God that in OT times characterized genuine believers and that should characterize believers today."

- The Expositor's Bible Commentary

Ignited by lessons from the past

- 1. We were created to do good works.**
- 2. When God presents us with opportunities we may be troubled and have confusion.**
- 3. We are called to submit as Mary did.**
- 4. We are living under God's "overwatch" and covered by the grace of Jesus.**
- 5. You may be in a similar situation as Mary.**
- 6. Most of us live average, common lives.**
- 7. The call to follow Him may be something you are already doing.**
- 8. His call may be radically different from anything you imagined or considered.**
- 9. Following Him may subject us to ridicule.**
- 10. Faith in He who leads us is how we move forward.**

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

Romans 10:17

Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

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