

## MARY'S LIFE OF FAITH

### Where Faith Begins ... Where Faith Leads

#### I. WHERE DOES FAITH BEGIN?

Luke 1:28-38

##### a. Mary is Troubled.

Felt UNWORTHY ... Didn't understand GOD and His love for HER.

Do you have a dream? Desire to accomplish?

***"I am leaving you with a gift – peace of mind and heart. And the peace that I give you isn't like the peace that the world gives. Let not your hearts be troubled neither let them be afraid."***

John 14:27

##### b. Mary ASKS a Question.

Want to go deeper with God? More faith? Ask questions.

Jesus taught by asking questions. And Mary, does here.

***"Mary asked the angel, "How can I have a baby? I'm a virgin." Luke 1:34***

**Key:** Ask and LISTEN.

Trust God – with the everyday and the seemingly impossible.

How To Grow Your Faith

***"For without faith it is impossible to please God."*** Hebrews 1:6

- i. Ask God for wisdom. James 1:5  
Prov 4:7 ***"Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore, get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding."***  
Wisdom – from Word of God and Spirit of God. (You have access to BOTH).
- ii. Ask for advice from solid Believers. (Psalm 1)  
Mary went to see Cousin Elizabeth (PG with John the Baptist).  
Angel suggested Mary go see her.
- iii. Feed on Word of God. (Ps 46:10)  
No Fear daily Devotionals.

Mary ... (a) CONFUSION then (b) QUESTIONS and then

##### c. Mary shows Commitment

***"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Luke 1:38***

Mary immediately puts her faith in God.

This was the Beginning of her JOURNEY of faith. A mother's life.

#### II. WHERE CAN FAITH LEAD?

- Faith can lead to CHALLENGES.

***"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is OLD he will not turn from it."*** Prov 22:6

***"When they had gone [the wise men had gone] an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream. 'Get up,' he said. 'Take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.'" Matthew 2:13***

**“After the Feast was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends.”**  
Luke 2:43-44

- Faith can lead to SURPRISES!  
They found Jesus – in the Temple – amazing the listeners with His knowledge (Luke 2:41-52)
- Faith can lead to OPPORTUNITIES.  
Water into Wine (John 2:1-11)
- Faith can lead to a BROKEN HEART.  
***“Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother.”*** (John 19:25)
- Faith can lead to PURPOSE.  
***“They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.”*** (Acts 1:14)
- Faith can lead to SERVICE.  
***“And Mary said: “My soul magnifies the Lord, “And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. For He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name. And His mercy is on those who fear Him From generation to generation.”***  
(Luke 1:46-50)

**Where it all started: *“I am the Lord’s servant. Be it done to me as you have said.”***