

“An Invitation to Surrender”

Luke 1:46-56

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Big Idea: Magnifying God in prayer emboldens joyful surrender.

I. Mary’s prayer magnifies God in priority.

“In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.” Luke 1:26-31 English Standard Version

“And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” Luke 1:38 ESV

II. Mary’s Prayer magnifies God’s merciful power.

Terror and dread fall upon them; because of the greatness of your arm, they are still as a stone, till your people, O Lord, pass by, till the people pass by whom you have purchased.

Exodus 15:16 ESV

Attitudes that compete for our hearts

A. Pride versus humility.

B. Self-contentment rather than dependence.

“Beware lest you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.’ You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.” Deuteronomy 8:17-18 ESV

III. Mary’s Prayer magnifies God’s faithfulness.

And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who

dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.
Genesis 12:2-3 ESV

“Where can we magnify God in surrender?”



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