



PROMISES FULFILLED



MARY'S MINDSET

LUKE 1:26-38; 45-55; 2:19



1. GOD SPEAKS TO US



HE IS A GOD WHO ENGAGES, IS PURPOSEFUL,
INTENTIONAL, AT WORK IN OUR LIVES.

HE SPEAKS, BUT ARE WE LISTENING?





THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS IN THE
FIRST CENTURY HAD THEIR MINDS
SET IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY
COULD NOT SEE THAT GOD WAS
DOING THINGS DIFFERENTLY
THAN THEY IMAGINED.





THE MINDSET OF THE RELIGIOUS
LEADERS WAS SET ON A MILITANT
MESSIAH, NOT A SUFFERING
SAVIOR.





IF THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS MISSED
WHAT GOD WAS DOING IN THE FIRST
CENTURY, DO YOU THINK WE CAN
MISS WHAT GOD MIGHT BE SAYING
TO US TODAY?





MARY HAD A MINDSET TO BELIEVE.





DO YOU HAVE AN EYOR MINDSET?



- A. BAD THINGS ALWAYS HAPPEN TO ME
- B. IT'S JUST ONE THING AFTER ANOTHER
- C. I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO...
- D. I COULD NEVER DO THAT BECAUSE...
- E. I CAN'T BECAUSE...
- F. I'M WORRIED THAT...



OUR THINKING CAN SO EASILY
BECOME TOXIC.



A. GOD WANTS US TO CAPTURE THOSE TOXIC
THOUGHTS AND BRING THEM TO HIM FOR. 2
CORINTHIANS 10:3-5



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GOD INSTRUCTS US TO THINK SO THAT
WE BUILD HEALTHY THOUGHTS AND
MINDS



A. PHILIPPIANS 4:6-8



GOD HAS CREATED YOU WITH A
BRAIN THAT CAN BE RENEWED,
RESTORED, REBUILT.



A. ROMANS 12:2 “BE TRANSFORMED BY THE
RENEWING OF YOUR MIND, SO THAT YOU MAY
DISCERN WHAT IS THE GOOD, PLEASING, AND
PERFECT WILL OF GOD.”



HOW MARY PUT HER MINDSET INTO ACTION

- A. SHE MAGNIFIES THE LORD FROM THE DEPTHS OF HER BEING
- B. SHE REJOICE IN A PERSONAL GOD
- C. SHE SAYS OUT LOUD THAT GOD HAS LOOKED ON HER WITH FAVOR = BLESSED MINDSET
- D. SHE DECLARES THAT SHE IS PERSONALLY BLESSED





MARY'S MINDSET IN ACTION...



E. SHE DECLARES A GENERATIONAL BLESSING MINDSET

F. SHE REMEMBERS SPECIFIC THINGS GOD HAS DONE FOR HER.

G. SHE KNOWS HIS MERCY IS FOR HER AND HER CHILDREN.

H. SHE REMEMBERS THAT GOD AS ACTED IN THE PAST.





MARY'S MINDSET IN ACTION

I. SHE REMEMBERS WHAT TYPES OF ACTIONS HE TAKES –
HE EXALTS THE LOWLY

J. SHE KNOWS HE WILL SATISFY HER WHEN SHE IS HUNGRY

K. SHE REMEMBERS HE HAS HELPED HER PEOPLE

L. SHE REMEMBERS HIS PROMISE TO ABRAHAM AND HOW HE
IS FULFILLING HIS PROMISE.

M. SHE REPEATEDLY SPEAKS TO HERSELF AND OTHER,
STATEMENTS OF GOD'S GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS,
BLESSING, FAVOR, AND PROVISION.





A LIST OF THINGS I AM NOT SAYING



- A. I'M NOT REFERRING TO BLIND TRUST.
- B. MARRY HAD THOUSANDS OF YEARS OF HISTORY OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GOD AND HIS PEOPLE TO RELY UPON.
- C. WHAT IS YOUR HISTORY WITH GOD?
- D. HOW HAS THAT IMPACTED YOUR TRUST IN HIM?



A LIST OF THINGS I'M NOT SAYING...



I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT WISHFUL THINKING.
WISHFUL THINKING CAN BE ONE WAY OF NOT
REALLY DEALING WITH A SITUATION.



A LIST OF THINGS I'M NOT SAYING...



- A. I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT USING CLICHÉ'S TO PRACTICE AVOIDANCE.



A LIST OF THINGS I'M NOT SAYING...



- A. I'M NOT SAYING IT WAS EASY FOR MARY TO BELIEVE. (LUKE 2:29 "SHE WAS DEEPLY TROUBLED BY THIS STATEMENT...")
- B. I'M NOT SAYING THAT MARY'S RESPONSE WAS EASILY GIVEN.



I AM SAYING...



MARY HELD HER DEEPLY TROUBLED WONDERING
TOGETHER WITH WHO SHE KNEW GOD TO BE.



MARY DECIDED TO ACTIVELY, PLACE HER TRUST IN
HER GOD WHO HAD PROVEN FAITHFUL.



QUESTIONS FOR CONTEMPLATION



- A. HOW IS YOUR BELIEF MINDSET?
- B. WHAT IS YOUR HISTORY WITH GOD?
- C. HOW DOES THAT HISTORY INFORM YOUR BELIEF MINDSET?
- D. WHAT WOULD MARY'S SONG SAY IF YOU REWROTE IT AS IF IT WERE COMING FROM YOU?
- E. HOW DO YOU IMAGINE GOD'S FAITHFULNESS TO THE GENERATIONS TO COME.
- F. HOW WOULD YOU THANK GOD FOR HIS PROMISES FULFILLED IN YOUR LIFE?



RESOURCES



- A. CONSIDER A TRUSTED COUNSELOR, THERAPIST, PASTOR.
- B. JENNIE ALLEN'S BOOK, "GET OUT OF YOUR HEAD."
- C. CRAIG GROECHEL'S BOOK, "WINNING THE WAR IN YOUR MIND."
- D. DR. CAROLINE LEAF'S BOOK "CLEANING UP YOUR MENTAL MESS."
- E. DR. CAROLINE LEAF'S BOOK "SWITCH ON YOUR BRAIN."
- F. DR. CAROLINE LEAF'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL OR PHONE APP.