



## Magnify the Lord with Your Whole Life • Part 1

Lesson 5 • Luke 1:56

### Mary's LifeSong Magnified the Lord not Herself!

*We don't venerate Mary as equal to the Lord; we imitate her faith in exalting the Lord.*

- The **ANNUNCIATION** (26-38) *Imitate Mary by magnifying the Lord with Your **WALK** by the **Father's Amazing Grace!***
- The **VISITATION** (39-45) *Imitate Mary by magnifying the Lord with Your **WITNESS** by the **Spirit's Daily Filling!***
- The **MAGNIFICATION** (46-55) *Imitate Mary by magnifying the Lord with Your **WORSHIP** of the **Son's Kingdom Reversals!***

*"And Mary stayed with her about three months, and then returned to her home." Luke 1:56*

**Every Verse in the Bible Is There for a Reason, So Ask the Triune God to REVEAL the Reason.**

- **PRAYING** and **STUDYING** instead of just reading and reasoning helps to reveal the reason. *Psalms 119:17-18; Proverbs 2*
- **OBSERVING** instead of just seeing helps to reveal the reason. *Luke 1:26, 56*
- **QUESTIONING** instead of just passing over helps to reveal the reason.
  - Why** did Luke think it was important for us to know this verse?
  - What** is the significance of **when** Mary left? The 6 months (v. 26) and then 3 more months (v. 56)?
  - How** does what *comes before* (the Magnificat) and *after* (John's Birth) this verse help explain **why** verse 56 is a significant the bridge between the two?
  - What** is the significance of the repeated references to "*homes*" and "*houses*" in Luke 1-2?

### Magnify the Lord with Your WHOLE LIFE in the Ordinary.

#### 1. By **SERVING**: *Mary Stayed to Serve Elizabeth in Her Final 3 Months of Pregnancy with John.*

*"And Mary stayed with her about three months"*

*Do you feel very ordinary compared to what has happened to the people in this passage?*

- **ACTIVE** service.
- **PRESENT** needs.
- **RANDOM** acts.

#### 2. By **SURRENDERING**: *Mary Stayed in Surrender to the Leading of the Holy Spirit.*

*"And Mary stayed with her about three months"*

*What happens right after Mary leaves in verses 57-80?*

*Why didn't Mary stay for his birth? Why not serve by helping with the delivery?*

- God's redemptive **TIMING** has a divine priority and purpose that is not always known to us.
- Be sensitive and submissive to the **LEADING** of the Holy Spirit!

When the Spirit leads us to **pray**, then...  
 When the Spirit leads us to **witness**, then...  
 When the Spirit leads us to **repent** and **obey**, then...

### 3. By **SACRIFICING**: *Mary Returned Home After Her First 3 Months of Pregnancy with Jesus.*

*"about three months, and then returned to her home."*

*What does that mean for Mary? Luke 1:26-27; Matthew 1:18-20*

#### **Selah: Pause and Reflect**

- Serving, surrendering, and sacrificing are **ESSENTIALS** of biblical worship.

*"Ministry that costs nothing, accomplishes nothing." – John Henry Jowett*

- Serving, surrendering, and sacrificing is another way of saying be **LIVING SACRIFICES**. *Romans 12:1-2*

- Serving, surrendering, and sacrificing can all be **DONE** by the ordinary in the ordinary.

*Luke 1:23, 33, 40, 56, 69; 2:4, 49; Acts 2:40-47*

#### **How Do Ordinary People Magnify the Lord in the Ordinary?**

*Mary's LifeSong – from her salvation to her surrendering to the virgin conception, to her serving Elizabeth, to her sacrificing as the earthly mother of the incarnate Son of God – was all done by grace alone through faith alone in the triune God.*

#### **Progressive Revelation of Mary's LifeSong**

<p>The Father chose her by His grace for the virgin conception. <i>Luke 1:26-38</i></p>	<p>The Son was her human son but more importantly her divine Lord. <i>Luke 1:38-56; plus the few other "Mary" verses.</i></p>	<p>The Spirit indwelt her just like any other disciple in the risen Lord's church. <i>Acts 1:14 last mention of Mary by name; 2:1-4</i></p>
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#### **How Do We Magnify the Lord Like Mary with Our Whole Life?**

*By surrendering our whole lives in the ordinary to be living sacrifices in the service of the Lord and His people.  
Romans 12:1-2*

# Mary's LifeSong Magnifies the Lord and So Can Yours! *Luke 1:26-56*

MARY'S LifeSong	WHEN	WHO	WHERE	WHY	WHAT	SO WHAT
<b>The ANNUNCIATION</b> <i>Luke 1:26-38</i>	<b>6 MONTHS</b> after Elizabeth Conceives	<b>GABRIEL</b> the Angel  <b>MARY</b> the Young Virgin	<b>CITY of NAZARETH</b> In Galilee [of the Gentiles]	<b>ANNOUNCES</b> Virgin Conception by Grace Alone	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Angel Gabriel COMES &amp; GREETs Mary</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>"Greetings favored one! The Lord is with you."</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mary is perplexed and ponders what kind of greeting is this? (26-29)</li> <li>Gabriel explains: Chosen to be the mother of the Son of God by grace alone. (30-37)</li> <li>Mary believes and receives this grace through faith alone. (34, 38)</li> <li>Mary's faith is seen in word and deed. (38-39) <i>Believes in her heart, confesses with her mouth, and runs with her feet!</i></li> </ol>	<b>MAGNIFY the LORD with YOUR WALK by the FATHER'S AMAZING GRACE!</b>
<b>The VISITATION</b> <i>Luke 1:39-45</i>	<b>IMMEDIATELY</b> after the Virgin Conception Takes Place?  <b>3 MONTHS</b> Stays Until Right Before John's Birth  Returns Home 3 Months Pregnant?	<b>MARY</b> the Young Virgin Who Is Now Pregnant  <b>JESUS</b> the Incarnate Son of God Who Is in Mary's Womb  <b>ELIZABETH</b> the Old Barren Relative Who Is Already 6 Months Pregnant  <b>JOHN</b> the Forerunner Who Is in Eliz's Womb	<b>A CITY</b> In the Hill Country of Judea  [Hebron?]  <b>The HOME</b> of Zacharias in the Presence of Elizabeth	<b>VISITS</b> See the Sign through Faith Alone	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mary GOES &amp; GREETs Elizabeth</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Moment Elizabeth Hears the Greeting:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>John filled with Holy Spirit leaps for joy in the womb. (15, 41, 44)</li> <li>Elizabeth filled with the Holy Spirit shouts for joy in the house. (41-45)</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Elizabeth SHOUTs a Three-Fold BLESSING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blessed is Mary among women. <i>Due to...</i></li> <li>Blessed is the fruit of her womb. <i>Therefore...</i></li> <li>Blessed is she who believed that God has/will fulfill what He has spoken.</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mary [filled with the Holy Spirit] will sing for joy a song that magnifies the Lord not herself. (46-47)</li> </ol>	<b>MAGNIFY the LORD with YOUR WITNESS by the SPIRIT'S DAILY FILLING!</b>
<b>The MAGNIFICATION</b> <i>Luke 1:46-55</i>	<b>IMMEDIATELY</b> after John's Spirit-filled LEAP and Elizabeth's Spirit-filled SHOUT!  Due to Jesus Being in the HOUSE in Mary's WOMB!  Mary Begins Her Spirit-filled SONG!	<b>MARY</b> the Young Virgin Who Is Now Praising	<b>The HOME</b> of Zacharias in the Presence of Elizabeth	<b>MAGNIFIES</b> The Lord God My Savior The Mighty One Holy Is His Name  For His Mercy and His Mighty Deeds  <i>Vertically to Him Personally for Her Globally for All Nationally for Israel</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mary MAGNIFIES the LORD</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>A Prophetic Praise Song of Thanksgiving for the Lord's Kingdom Reversals</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Magnify the Lord not ourselves. (46-47)</li> <li>For the Lord Is Mindful of the Humble. (48-50)</li> <li>For the Lord Is Mightier Than the Proud. (51-53)</li> <li>For the Lord Is Merciful to the Repenter. (54-55)</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sings Like Miriam After the Redemption of the Exodus and Hannah at the Dedication of Her Son, Samuel.</i></p>	<b>MAGNIFY the LORD with YOUR WORSHIP of the SON'S KINGDOM REVERSALS!</b>
<b>The CONTINUATION</b> <i>Luke 1:56</i>	<b>REMAINS</b> with Elizabeth for Her Final 3 Months  <b>RETURNS</b> to Her Home Before John's Birth After 3 Months Pregnant	<b>MARY</b> the Young Virgin Who Is Now Persevering in the Ordinary	<b>HOMES</b> Elizabeth's in a City in the Hill Country of Judea  Mary's in the City of Nazareth in Galilee of the Gentiles	<b>REMINDS</b> Our LifeSong Is Heard in the Ordinary as We Daily Serve Our Extraordinary God.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mary MAGNIFIES the LORD in the ORDINARY</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mary Was No "One Hit Wonder" Instead Her Song Flowed from Her Life</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Serving God and Others.</li> <li>Surrendering to the Spirit.</li> <li>Sacrificing for the Lord.</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Summary of Romans 12:1-2</i></p>	<b>MAGNIFY the LORD with YOUR WHOLE LIFE as a LIVING SACRIFICE!</b>