

# Friendships of Women

Mary and Elizabeth

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So... we've had some difficult lessons! In session one, we covered what Jesus modeled for us about friendship. In session two, we covered friends who betray us.

And today, we looked at the friendship of Mary and Elizabeth but more importantly ... why their friendship is so unique.

We learned that both women had a solid walk with God. And even though they were not peers ... they had so much in common. Both had godly husbands to whom the angel of God appeared. Both were married to obedient men. Both would raise sons who were "different."

Both had unconventional pregnancies ... the kind that could bring on the gossip.

After we made some observations about their friendship, we focused on their sons ... particularly John the Baptist.

I asked some questions in today's message and I'm listing those questions for you to discuss in your groups:

1. Have you ever asked God about the purpose of the child He might want to give you?
2. What if God wanted to give you a child for a unique purpose that doesn't fit the ideal mold you had in your mind?
3. What if God wanted to give you a child who would be used greatly by Him to help bring revival in this world?
4. What if God wanted to give you a child who would be made fun of for his faith?
5. What if God wanted to give you a child way past the world's standard of the "right number of children?"
6. Are you willing to teach and live out the truth no matter what?
7. Are you willing to be made fun of, even slandered for your faith?
8. Are you willing to suffer hardship for the gospel?

## 2 Timothy 2:1-3

**You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. <sup>3</sup>Suffer hardship with *me*, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.**