



WELCOME! This morning we're continuing a summer study of faithful examples in Scripture who modeled a life of faith, chose to act upon God's direction, and trusted in His provision. Each week, we'll look at a different person and discover how their story can help shape us today. Thank you for joining us in worship!

Participate

WORSHIP WITH US THROUGH
ORDINANCES AND TRADITIONS

- » **CHILD DEDICATION, TODAY:** Parents, commit your children to the Lord as we welcome them into our community. *Sign up in Church Center if your family would like to dedicate a child during a worship service.*
- » **LORD'S SUPPER, NEXT WEEK:** Share in the bread and cup that symbolize our unity through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. *Gluten-free servings are available at the back of the room for those who need them.*
- » **BELIEVER'S BAPTISM, AUGUST 31:** Proclaim your faith to your church family and follow Jesus in the practice of water baptism. *Sign up in Church Center if you'd like to be baptized during a worship service.*
- » **GIVE AT ANY TIME:** Financial giving in Grace Church is an act of worship to be done freely, joyously, and only as prompted by the Lord. *Gifts can be made at any offering box or online through Church Center.*

- I. **Mary's story holds our attention:** Mary's story is truly captivating. She was a young, unknown girl eagerly anticipating a simple village marriage when her entire world was unexpectedly transformed. This unassuming young woman has since become perhaps the most widely recognized woman in human history — Luke 1:26–38

🔍 *Further Reference: Matthew 18:1–4*

- II. **Mary's story stirs our emotion:** Mary's unique assignment would impact the entire world. However, it came at a great personal cost, as her life was marked by scandal, hardship, and sorrow — Matthew 1:18–19

🔍 *Further Reference: John 8:39, 48; Mark 2:16–17, 6:3; Isaiah 53:3*

- III. **Mary's story helps us remember:** Mary's life of faithfulness is a powerful reminder of how our individual stories, no matter how small they may seem, beautifully intertwine with the larger narrative that God continues to write — Luke 1:46–55

Notes

CAPTURE YOUR THOUGHTS
IN THE SPACE BELOW

Takeaways

PROMPTS TO CONSIDER, DISCUSS, AND APPLY WHAT YOU'VE HEARD THIS MORNING

- » What is “childlike” faith, and how did Mary exemplify it?
- » How might you have handled the angel’s news as a teenager?
- » Besides a baby, what burdens was God asking Mary to carry?
- » How does Mary’s response to hardship encourage you?
- » What might be working against childlikeness in your own faith?
- » How might Mary’s faith shape your perspective next Christmas?

MEALS OF HOPE for the Wichita Falls Area Food Bank

Saturday, August 2



Help us assemble pallets full of dry ingredients into ready-to-cook bagged meals that will be distributed through the Food Bank to local families in need. Working together in two shifts, we will prepare enough food for 20,000 people to eat a balanced, protein-rich meal. By sharing simple tasks like carrying, measuring, and combining ingredients, everyone can help meet this goal!

- » **WHO:** Anyone in our church family — no age limits!
- » **WHERE:** In the Main Hall (right outside the Auditorium).
- » **WHEN:** Saturday, August 2 for one hour at either 9:00 or 10:00 AM.
*You can also help with **setup** Thursday, July 31 at 6:00 PM.*

To join us in serving, tap Sign Up in the Church Center app or at the top of gracechurch.com, select *Meals of Hope*, and let us know you're coming!

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WHERE TO GET ANSWERS
AND FIND INFORMATION

WELCOME CENTER: Stop by and talk with us this morning

MONTHLY CALENDAR: Printed list of upcoming events

WEBSITE: Find detailed info online at gracechurch.com

CHURCH CENTER APP: Stay connected and go paperless ➡

