

Backstage Pass: An Inside Look at the Mother of Jesus
“Wise Words from a Great Mother”
Luke 1:26-38

Mary’s words of wisdom:

1. I am the Lord’s servant.

When I know I am the Lord’s servant, my identity is clear.

When I know my identity, my purpose becomes clear.

When I know my purpose, my priorities become clear.

2. I will live surrendered.

I am trusting our sovereign God who is perfect in all His ways.

I am trusting our faithful God who redeems whatever He allows.

I am trusting our loving God who is working in my life.

3. I have been graced by God.

I receive the grace of God.

I will live in the grace of God.

I surrender to the grace of God.

LifeGroup Questions: Applying the Teaching to Our Lives

1. Did your mother have some favorite sayings as you were growing up? What is the wisest thing you remember your mother saying?
2. What are some pitfalls we can fall into when we see our identity as any thing other than “the Lord’s servant”?
3. Why does identity precede purpose? Could it be the other way around?
4. Which of the 3 “living surrendered” statements in point 2 is the hardest for you to believe/live out?
5. Give examples of what it might look like to “spurn God’s grace” and then what it might look like to try to “earn God’s grace.”
6. When you drift away from fully living in the grace of God, do you tend to drift towards “spurning God’s grace” or attempts at “earning God’s grace”?

Core CHRISTlike Characteristic:
Trustworthy Steward of God’s Resources/Living Surrendered