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“God’s Maidservants”

“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.” (Colossians 3:23-24)

Mom’s Influence

Psalm 86:16 – “Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant, and save the son of your maidservant.”

Bringing Jesus into the World

Luke 1:26-35, 38 – (26) “In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, (27) to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin’s name was Mary. (28) And he came to her and said, ‘Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!’ (29) But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. (30) And the angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. (31) And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. (32) He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, (33) and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.’ (34) And Mary said to the angel, ‘How will this be, since I am a virgin?’ (35) And the angel answered her, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.

(38) And Mary said, ‘Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.’ And the angel departed from her.”

God is Central

Luke 1:39-47 – (39) “In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, (40) and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.(41) And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, (42) and she exclaimed with a loud cry, ‘Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! (43) And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? (44) For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. (45) And blessed is she who believed that

there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.’(46) And Mary said, ‘My soul magnifies the Lord, (47) and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,”

The Joyful Mother Keeps God Front and Center

“He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the LORD!” (Psalm 113:9)

“Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.” (Psalm 34:5)

Pivotal Points for Mom:

- (1) Serve as unto the Lord in all you do.**
- (2) Keep your identity in Christ, not your children**
- (3) Receive from Jesus Daily**
- (4) Exemplify Prioritizing Jesus**
- (5) Enjoy the Privileged Calling that God has given you**

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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