

# STRONG WOMEN, MIGHTY MEN

Part 6.0

Mary, the mother of Jesus

Luke 2

- God often uses **OBSCURE** and **EVERYDAY** people to accomplish His work
  - Mary had a **LOW PROFILE** personality
  - Mary recognized her need for a **SAVIOR**
  - Significant roles rarely come from **PROMINENT** positions

1 Corinthians 1:18-31
- Mary understood her role was a **GIFT** to her, an **OPPORTUNITY**
  - Messiah could have been born to **SOMEONE ELSE**

Luke 11:27-28
- Following God's path does not necessitate a **CLEAR** roadmap!
  - Obedience is often cloaked in **MYSTERY**
  - God is working in the **DARK ROOM** of the future
- Application: Being usable is all about being **AVAILABLE** and **AGREEABLE!**
  - Availability has to do with **TIME** and **PRIORITIES**.
  - Agreeability has to do with **COURAGE** and **CHANGEABILITY**.

Are you available to be used?

Are you changeable enough to be usable?

## Life Group Questions – November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Ephesians 2:10 *'For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.'*

### QUICK REVIEW

1. How can Christians claim with confidence that they fully trust in God? What is it about God's character that makes Him so reliable? (see 1 Kings 8:56)
2. What is the relationship between *faith* and *faithfulness*?

### MY STORY

1. We live in a culture that says, "Look at me!" We want to be noticed. We desire to be important. What are some common, everyday ways that we demonstrate haughty lifestyles? What areas in your life do you think you might "tone down?" Why is this so difficult to do?
2. Read Micah 6:8. In what ways have you observed others walking humbly with God? How has God honored their attitude? Has God blessed you as a result of your low-profile personality? Describe a time when you may have missed-out on His blessing because your heart wasn't right.
3. In what ways can you say that you've been given "marching orders" from the Lord? How well have you done fulfilling His role(s) for you? Explain.
4. What is it about your unique background that God wants to bring out for His purposes?

### GOING DEEP

1. Why is it so important to be obedient to God when you don't have 100% certainty?
2. Read Luke 11:27-28. Where was the honor intended to be by the woman who cried out? Did Jesus dishonor His mother when He redirected the blessing? Why did He do this?
3. Read Esther 4:13-14. Has God has put you in a particular place that you need to see the reason He has put you there? Are you wishing in your heart that you could do something *else* for Jesus rather than embracing His plan for you? Will His plans be thwarted if you don't comply? How can you know this?
4. Read Luke 1:45. "And blessed is (your name) who believes that there would be fulfillment of what had been spoken to (your name) by the LORD." Does your faith play an active role in fulfilling God's promises? How so? How available and changeable are you for God?

### PUTTING IT TOGETHER:

1. What do you think are some of the challenges to living out each point?
2. Which of the above teaching points are most important for **you** to remember?