

“BLESSED”

“Great blessings are yours today because you believed what the Lord said to you would happen.” Luke 1:45 ERV

God desires to bless us, to bring peace in our lives, and to walk in God’s blessings. Being blessed is a gift from God. Blessed are those who believed that the Lord will fulfill His promises for no word of God from God will ever fail.

Mary was blessed because she was chosen to fulfill God’s promise of redemption that at that time was about 1400 years old in waiting. In the Eden Garden, GOD announced to the Serpent His redemption plan for the world: *“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offsprings and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.” (Gen. 3:15)*

What can we learn from Mary’s life?

1. You don’t need to know where you’re going if you know God is leading. Faith is not a feeling; it’s a choice to trust God even when the road ahead seems uncertain. You may not be 100% right now, but God is 100% right now! It didn’t bother Mary to dig too much details. She didn’t think that her obedience would put her reputation and impending marriage to Joseph in jeopardy.
2. We cannot underestimate what God can do with ordinary people like Mary. How blessed is she among women? That her name will go down not only in history but in eternity. And yet, it is not about Mary, but about the baby that Mary will

carry in her womb. That the child she’ll deliver will soon deliver her from all her sins.

In Matthew 1:21, the angel said to Mary, “you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

3. Our struggle is not an interruption to life but as preparation for life. Mary’s life was interrupted by unexpected pregnancy, but she did not see it as interruption of her life.

James 1:2-4, “Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds.”

4. This is the thing to remember! “If God showed us the whole journey, we would never take the first step.” If Mary knew that her baby boy Jesus will first be humiliated, crucified, and die an agonizing death right before her eyes because that’s what it would take for her baby Jesus to be her Savior and the Savior of the world, she might pause and think much to consider. Not that she would object.
5. Mary’s miraculous conception of Christ is a one-off phenomenon never to be repeated. But, you can be “Makarios,” happy, fortunate, blessed, like Mary. Because being blessed is not just economics. Being blessed is spiritual and God has bestowed all spiritual blessings to whosoever will believe in the Son of God, (Eph. 1:3-6) the Christ, that Mary conceived by the Spirit.

My friend, you need not go anywhere to chase your blessing. Jesus is your blessing now and forevermore. Blessed are those who know Christ as the Son of the living God (Matthew 16:16-17)