

Christmas Through the Eyes of...Mary

Matthew 1:18-25 & Luke 1:26-56

December 4, 7-8, 2013: Cam Huxford, Senior Pastor

I. Mary Struggled with Being Misunderstood.

Mary's Example of Patient Trust in God through Her Circumstances:

- Mary was misunderstood by Joseph.
- Mary was misunderstood by her parents.
- Mary was misunderstood...yet she was patient.

II. Mary Actively Waited for the Lord.

Mary's Example of Waiting on the Lord:

1. She served someone else.

The holidays carry an intensifying dynamic: our highs seem higher and our lows seem lower. *Luke 9:24*

2. She sang.
3. She stayed put. *John 8:41, Psalm 139:13,15*
4. She stayed faithful until God blessed! *Luke 2:35*

When we're in tough times, sometimes the wisest course is to wait on the intervention of God. *Psalm 37:34 (ESV)*

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as an eagle and fly. They shall run and not grow weary. They shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31 (KJV)

Five for the Drive

A family conversation starter for the ride home

1. How do you react when you are caught in an embarrassing situation?
2. How does your desire for other people's acceptance challenge you from doing the right thing?
3. Are you open to the possibility of God giving you a special mission for your life? Why or why not?
4. What are different God-honoring ways you can respond when God asks something difficult of you?
5. What difficult, hard-to-swallow command of God do you need to obey?

Ministry Opportunities

For more information about these and other events, go to SavannahChristian.com/Events.

The Journey

6 – 8 p.m. Wednesday – Sunday, Dec. 4-8 and 11-15

Henderson Campus

Come to The Journey, a unique outdoor production that authentically recreates the night Christmas began. Tickets are on sale at SavannahChristian.com, at The Source bookstore and at the door. Please make every effort to come this week. This frees up space next week for people who don't go to church and hear about The Journey from friends who have been in week one. Collect flyers and posters from the Journey lobby display to invite friends, family, neighbors and colleagues.

Bumper Bag Weekend

Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 14-15

Leave a grocery bag filled with non-perishable items and coupons at the back bumper of your car. While you worship, volunteers will pick up the bags for distribution to families in need. The top needs are canned chicken or tuna, canned fruits and vegetables (especially green beans and corn), peanut butter, jelly and canned soup. Save and donate your Sunday coupon inserts as well so we can help even more people in need.

Serve in kidstreet on Christmas Eve

2:55 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24

kidstreet

We are looking for volunteers to serve in our kidstreet children's programming for infants and toddlers at the 3:30 and 5 p.m. Christmas Eve services. Sign up at the kidstreet Welcome Desk by Wednesday, Dec. 18.

Dates for Final 2013 Giving

Online contributions for 2013 can be made through Tuesday, Dec. 31. However, the last opportunity for contributions to be made in the building will be during the services on Sunday, Dec. 29. Gifts made after Dec. 31 will be counted as 2014 contributions.