



Titus Women

ALL OF ME FOR ALL OF JESUS

We are women who know the joy of the Spirit-filled life. We live and abide in the love of Jesus, trusting that He is enough to meet every need and satisfy every heart.

Mary, the Mother of Jesus The Women of John's Gospel

Mary was a woman whose life was radically altered at the very first mention of Jesus' name. Her life was forever changed when the angel Gabriel told of her favor with God and of the Son she would bear and name Jesus. While she had some confusion about how this could happen, but there was no uncertainty in her response. Clearly she was a woman who already had a deep, intimate relationship with God and her response to God's message was immediate.



Let it be to me according to your word
Luke 1:38

There are three pivotal things we can learn from Mary as she embraces her role in the redemptive story of God. First, she was a woman who was practiced in her obedience to God. If she had not known Him as the One True God, and understood how He was at work in the world, she never could have given Him an unhesitating yes. Like Mary, we need to be in such close relationship with God that we can give our instant obedience, not out of obligation, but as a joyful response to the God who saves us.

We see this understanding in Mary as she shares the news of Jesus' birth with her cousin Elizabeth. As she sings her hymn of praise ([Luke 46-55](#)), she "focuses on who God is and what He is doing her life, and in His own redemption story... She has a clear idea about who her God is and she trusts Him. That trust in God is the foundation of her life story." Friends, this is just where our hearts need to be, rooted deep in the God of our salvation, growing in trust, and overflowing with praise.

At the wedding in Cana (John 2), we see Mary one more time before we see her at the foot of the Cross. She he goes to Jesus with a need, not knowing how he could meet it. But "her confidence in Him and the timing of God creates an opportunity for Him to step into His Father's work ..." After asking Him to do something to meet the need, "she steps back so Jesus can step up." Her implicit trust in God made it possible for her

to say to the servants, “do whatever He tells you...” (John 2:5.) In these last words of Mary recorded in Scripture there is instruction for us as well.

We read in “the first three chapters of John that Jesus is the Creator, the Son of God the Father, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, the One who has all authority and is sent from above, and the Bridegroom.

*Do whatever
He tells you*
John 2:5

He is also the son of a woman named Mary who believed in Him and instructed the servants at the wedding to obey Him without hesitation. With the words, “Do whatever he tells you” Mary echoes the foundational attitude of her heart, unwavering trust in God, and instructs us to obey her Son as well.

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