

Highly Favored - Pastor Carolyn Shuttlesworth

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A 5 Day Devotional On Mary:

Theme: Obedience and faith in God's Word positions you for divine purpose and supernatural favor.

Key Verse: *"Mary responded, 'I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true.'"* – Luke 1:38 (NLT)

Day 1: Chosen by Grace, Not by Status

Scripture: *"Gabriel appeared to her and said, 'Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!' Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. 'Don't be afraid, Mary,' the angel told her, 'for you have found favor with God!'"* – Luke 1:28–30 (NLT)

Devotional Thought:

Mary was a young girl. She was humble girl from an ordinary town — yet she found favor with God. How often do we think we have to have a platform, social media presence, or even know someone for God to notice us?? Her life should remind you that **divine favor isn't about status, wealth, or talent; it's about a surrendered heart.** God chooses those who are willing to say "yes" to His plan, not those the world deems qualified.

Reflection Questions:

Where might I be underestimating what God can do through my ordinary life?

Do I have a tendency to look at others and think if I only I had their life? If only I had their job? If only ?

Prayer:

Lord, thank you for choosing me by your grace. Help me to stay humble and available for every purpose you have planned. I want to be the one you look for to carry out your purpose on the earth.

Day 2: Saying “Yes” to the Impossible

Scripture: *“Mary asked the angel, ‘But how can this happen? I am a virgin.’ The angel replied, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you... For nothing is impossible with God.’”* – Luke 1:34–37 (ESV)

Devotional Thought:

Mary didn’t understand how God’s plan would unfold, but she chose to trust His word. Imagine getting the word she received?! **Faith begins where logic ends.** When God gives you an instruction that seems beyond reach, remember that his power is what makes the impossible possible. That’s his playing field. If it was possible, we wouldn’t need the Lord’s help.

Reflection Question:

Is there something God has asked me to believe for that seems impossible? How can I strengthen my faith in his promise? What are some action steps I need to take? Verse 37 in the NLT says *“For the Word of God will never fail.”* That’s a meaty verse to really get revelation on!

Prayer:

Jesus, I trust you with every unknown. Even when I don’t see how it can happen, I believe that nothing is impossible with you. I say “yes” to your plan and surrender to your timing.

Day 3: Trusting God in the Unknown

Scripture: *“A few days later Mary hurried to the hill country of Judea... At the sound of Mary’s greeting, Elizabeth’s child leaped within her, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.”* – Luke 1:39–41 (NLT)

Devotional Thought:

Mary didn’t isolate herself after receiving her calling — she sought out Elizabeth, another woman of faith. When you’re walking through an unfamiliar season, surround yourself with people who will speak life and stir your faith. **Faith grows stronger in the company of believers who carry the same fire.**

Reflection Question:

Who are my “Elizabeths” — women who build my faith and confirm what God has spoken? The ones who pray and agree with me even when it sounds crazy.

Prayer:

Lord, thank you for godly friendships that strengthen my faith. Help me stay connected to people who will encourage me to keep believing when things are unclear. Place Holy Ghost filled friends in my circle so I can go higher. Your word says in Proverbs 27:17 *As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.* Put that type of friend in my life! Amen!

Day 4: Magnify the Lord

Scripture: *“Oh, how my soul praises the Lord. How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior! For he took notice of his lowly servant girl, and from now on all generations will call me blessed.”* – Luke 1:46–48 (NLT)

Devotional Thought:

Mary’s first response to God’s promise was worship. **Praise has a way of shifting our perspective from fear to faith.** Before Jesus was born, Mary rejoiced in what God *was going to do*. Worship magnifies the greatness of God and reminds you who’s in control. As you praise it shifts your focus from your circumstances to God’s power and faithfulness

READ Psalm 34

Reflection Question:

Do I end up praising the Lord while I wait, or only after I see results?

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, I choose to magnify you above my circumstances. Let my worship, praise, and thankfulness rise before the miracle, knowing you are faithful to complete every promise you’ve spoken. You said it. I believe it. That settles it!

Day 5: Faith That Leaves a Legacy

Scripture: *“Standing near the cross were Jesus’ mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.”* – John 19:25 (NLT)

Devotional Thought:

Mary’s faith wasn’t just for a moment — it endured a lifetime. From the angel’s announcement to the cross, she remained faithful. Her obedience didn’t just birth Jesus physically; it birthed a legacy of faith that still impacts generations. Think of the wedding of Cana. She was a part of his first miracle. Jesus was saying it wasn’t his time yet but Mary was confident it was. Her faith instructed the servants to “do whatever Jesus says” When you stay committed through every season, your faith leaves a lasting imprint. **Fear makes you forgettable. Faith makes you famous.**

Reflection Question:

How can my obedience today impact the generations that follow me?

Prayer:

Lord, help me live with enduring faith like Mary — steady, trusting, and surrendered. I want my life to bring glory to you and inspire others to believe.