

# mary's CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 4, 2022 | Wawasee Bible | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

## Part 2 | He's Done Great Things For Me!

Luke 1:26-38

Mary **BELIEVED** God, (v. 38-40)

taking God at his word

belief yields activity

was **BLESSED** by God, (v. 41-45)

God's sovereignty

Mary's faith

and **PRAISED** God! (v. 46-55)

past/present goodness

future goodness

My List...

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### 1 Samuel 2:1-8 (ESV)

Hannah's Prayer

2 And Hannah prayed and said,

"My heart exults in the Lord;  
my horn is exalted in the Lord.  
My mouth derides my enemies,  
because I rejoice in your salvation.

2 "There is none holy like the Lord:  
for there is none besides you;  
there is no rock like our God.

3 Talk no more so very proudly,  
let not arrogance come from your mouth;  
for the Lord is a God of knowledge,  
and by him actions are weighed.

4 The bows of the mighty are broken,  
but the feeble bind on strength.

5 Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,  
but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger.

The barren has borne seven,  
but she who has many children is forlorn.

6 The Lord kills and brings to life;  
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

7 The Lord makes poor and makes rich;  
he brings low and he exalts.

8 He raises up the poor from the dust;  
he lifts the needy from the ash heap  
to make them sit with princes  
and inherit a seat of honor.

For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's,  
and on them he has set the world.



## Study Guide

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

**What is this?** – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

### Welcome to Life Group!

Each week we'll spend part of our time getting to know more about one another.

#### Share with the Group:

*How are you celebrating Christmas this year?*

**Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching,** *was there anything you heard for the first time, that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?*

### Digging Deeper – A Bible Study

**Use this guide for further personal and group study this week.** For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this guide for further study personally.

It's no secret the holidays can bring a unique mix of emotions and experiences - friends, generosity, parties, isolation, stress and failed expectations. The good news is that as followers of Jesus we can remain hopeful even when nothing seems to be in the "Christmas Spirit." (Stop and go read **Philippians 4:6-7**) The foundation to our hope is practicing praise for who our God is and what he's done for us. The questions below will help you celebrate Christmas and not just get stuck in the holidays.

1. Study the first portion of Mary's song again below.  
– **Circle or highlight** any words or phrases that catch your attention.  
– **Underline** what you think is important to remember.  
– **Put an X** next to anything that confuses you.

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, <sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, <sup>48</sup> for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; <sup>49</sup> for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. <sup>50</sup> And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. <sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; <sup>52</sup> he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; <sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. **LUKE 1:46-53 (ESV)**

*(Study Guide continues on back panel...)*

# Welcome to Wawasee!

## OUR MISSION

We are sent to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us.

## YOUR PATHWAY

If you call Wawasee Bible “home”, we challenge you to pursue **three things**:

### 1. Gather



Show up *regularly* and gather with us for worship.

### 2. Grow



Don't just show up, *grow up* spiritually and connect in a growth ministry like Life Groups.

### 3. Go!



Go and serve somewhere. Contribute as much *or more* than you consume!

## Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

### Word Find for Luke 1:46-53 (CSB)

Find the words **bolded** below.

<sup>46</sup> And **Mary** said: My **soul magnifies** the **Lord**, <sup>47</sup> and my **spirit rejoices** in God my **Savior**, <sup>48</sup> because he has **looked with favor** on the **humble condition** of his **servant**. **Surely**, from now on all **generations** will **call me blessed**, <sup>49</sup> because the **Mighty One** has **done great things** for me, and his **name is holy**. <sup>50</sup> His **mercy** is from **generation to generation** on those who **fear** him. <sup>51</sup> He has **done a mighty deed** with his arm; he has **scattered the proud** because of the **thoughts** of their **hearts**; <sup>52</sup> he has toppled the **mighty** from their **thrones** and **exalted** the lowly. <sup>53</sup> He has satisfied the hungry with good **things** and sent the rich away empty.

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## life groups Study Guide (continued)

- What can we learn about God from this passage?
  - What do we learn about Mary?
  - What good things had he done for her?
- Take two minutes and write down everything you're thankful for. If you have a hard time coming up with anything, maybe start with just today, as well as everyone and everything you have that you can be thankful for (there's a lot!).
  - Take two minutes and write down everything you're thankful **God has done for you**.
    - Now go **read Psalm 104** and see what else you can add to your list of praise.
    - Looking back at what you wrote, put a star next to your top seven things that are the most important for you to remember and give thanks for. Create a way to thank God for one item each day of this next week (post it on the mirror, in your calendar, text with a friend, etc.).
  - Pastor Josh mentioned that it's likely Mary had the song of Hannah in mind as she was praising God. Do you have songs of praise that resonate with you? That you sing (aloud or internally) often? Why?
  - Go **read Hannah's song in 1 Samuel 2:1-10**. (It will help if you first remember the backstory. To do so, read all of 1 Samuel, chapter 1. Read it slowly. Enter in to all of Hannah's emotion...)
    - As you read, mark all the parallels you see between Hannah's song and Mary's song.
    - Hannah praised God after her great struggle, Mary praised God in the shadow of great struggles coming. What are your struggles these days? **Read and pray Mary's and/or Hannah's song, and list your own "affliction" and "humble estate" — Turing your attention and faith to the goodness of God to you.**

### Prayer

As you close, take time to pray for each other. **Divide into separate groups of men and women and pray for one another.**



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## PART 2

### He's Done Great Things For Me!

LUKE 1:39-56



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