

Mary: A Model for Modern Mothers
Luke 1:26-38

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1. Luke 1:26-38 is a passage of Scripture that is normally read at Christmas time. That's the beauty of Scripture; they are for all seasons.
 - a. I can't think of a time when it is more difficult to be a Christian mother than today. It seems that virtually everything is pitted against the family.
 - b. You send your kids out into a world of drugs and alcohol and pornography, and you're almost afraid for them to get beyond the end of the driveway.
2. Then there is the breakdown of the family. We see more and more marriages breaking apart, more and more children living with single parents.
 - a. So let's look at Mary as a model of motherhood. She had some difficulties, too.
 - I. Mary Dealt With Some Daily Difficulties.
 - A. First, Mary had to deal with a negative reputation.
 - B. Mary also had to deal with poverty.
 - C. Mary had to face the fact that people hated her child.
 - D. Mary had to raise her children as a single mom.
 - E. Mary had a child that was rejected and abused.
 - II. Mary Had Some Resources That Helped Her. Luke 1:38, "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said."
 - A. First of all, she was doing God's will.
 - B. Secondly, Mary had a supportive husband for at least 12 years.
 - C. Finally, Mary had a close, understanding friend.