

Happy Mother's Day!
The Path to Redemptive Glory, A Mother's Journey
Sunday, May 8, 2022

Luke 1: 46-55 NIV

⁴⁶ And Mary said:

“My soul glorifies the Lord ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸ for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed,

⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me—
holy is his name.

⁵⁰ His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to
generation. ⁵¹ He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;
he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

⁵² He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the
humble. ⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things
but has sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
remembering to be merciful ⁵⁵ to Abraham and his descendants forever,
just as he promised our ancestors.”

1. **Where We Begin is *Our Story***

Luke 1: 30-32 Do not be afraid, you have found favor with God.

Genesis 17: 15-17 I will bless her...she will be the mother of the nations.

1 Samuel 1: 10-11 In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the Lord

2 Samuel 11: 3-4. She is Bathsheba, wife of Uriah.

2. **Our Path to Glory is *Uniquely Ours***

Luke 2: 33-35 This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many
in Israel.

Genesis 21:6-7 Sarah said, “God has brought me laughter.”

1 Samuel 1: 17-20 “Go in peace.”

2 Samuel 12:24 She gave birth to a son named Solomon. “*Peaceful*”

3. **Cherish *Your Journey***

Proverbs 31: 30-31 A woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Honor her for all her hands have done.

Conclusion: There will be similarities in a mother's journey but receive
freedom from the trap of comparison. Each road is different. Each path is
uniquely paved to bring forth a story of glory and redemption that is all
her own.

LIFE GROUP LESSON
The Path to Redemptive Glory
Week of May 8 – May 14, 2022

Ice Breaker: What is one thing imparted to you from your mom?

Read Luke 1: 46-55.

1. Where is Mary choosing to keep her focus amid her pregnancy?
2. What does this song of praise tell you about Mary's faith?
3. What is her heart she seeing in this song?
4. How does she describe God?
5. Was Mary exempt from hardship as a mother?
6. How could she lift up a song of praise like this when she was very
aware of the hard road ahead of her as mother to Jesus, Son of God?
7. If you are a mother, how might her words encourage you to look at
your call to motherhood and the road given you to follow?
8. Read the scriptures under point one in the message. Where are these
women similar in their calling to motherhood? Where do they differ?
9. Did each one suffer hardship? How so?
10. Read the scriptures in point two of the message. How did God meet
them in their hardship and suffering?
11. Did each one have a reason to rejoice in time? How so?
12. What did God do for these women over the course of their lifetime?
Where did their paths lead them to?
13. Are these women remembered? Do they have significance in our
history? How so?
14. What is your mother's story? What was her beginning? What was her
path? Where do you see God's hand upon her life, and thus yours?
15. *What is your story?* The path to redemptive glory is for all of us.
16. Where are you at in your journey? Can you see your hardship,
suffering, waiting, obstacles as part of your path leading you to glory?
17. Read Proverbs 31: 1, 29-31. King Solomon wrote this proverb. Who
inspired him? What wisdom does he share regarding a mother and
woman who walks with Christ on the path to glory?
18. How does the trap of comparison diminish or destroy the glory in
your story?
19. Will you cherish your journey-*all of it*-where you began, where you
are and where God is yet leading you? *It's your story.*

Point to ponder: Our journey is uniquely ours as is the glory bestowed
upon us as we walk with Christ. It is His story to write and ours to cherish
for it leads us to His redemptive glory.