



“X” A New Season of Anointing: Mary’s Voice

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Speaker: Dr. Amy Orr-Ewing

Scripture: Isaiah 7:14, Genesis 3:15, Luke 1:28-32, Luke 1:46, Acts 1:14, John 2:5, Joel 2:25, Luke 1:51, Psalm 2:1, 1 Samuel 2:3, Luke 1:52, John 19:25

Sermon Overview: The anointing and prophecy go hand in hand because through God’s anointing, we are able to believe God’s Word and hold onto that belief until we see the Word’s fulfillment. Mary received a word from God that she, a virgin, would bear a son, the Son of the Most High, a king from the line of David, who would reign over the house of Jacob forever. Despite the status of women during her time, Mary submitted to God’s will for her life and believed that God would make the wrong things right through this mighty prophecy.

Sermon Series Question:

1. How big is your God in comparison to your trials?

Sermon-Specific Questions:

1. In Luke, we read how Mary was "highly favored (Luke 1:28)." She humbly accepted the special assignment God chose her for. Mary did more than listen to God, she obeyed. We read *Mary's Song* further on in Luke 1:46-55, and see she was filled with wonder that she--a lowly woman-- could be used by God for an eternal purpose. How can you prepare your heart to receive God's special assignments with joy and wonder? What are some barriers, if any, preventing you from hearing God's calling over your life and obeying?
2. We also see in Luke that Mary knew the Word when she recounted all the great things the Lord had done. How does knowing the scriptures empower you to step into what the Lord has assigned you to? How does Biblical knowledge allow you to live out your anointing?
3. Dr. Orr-Ewing stated, "Sometimes the favor of God does not look like a worldly blessing." How have you experienced the Lord's favor in your life? In what ways have you overlooked the favor of God in your life because it didn't appear as a blessing on the surface?

Digging Deeper:

1. Read Luke 1:1-45. No calling is too big or small when the Lord assigns you. Mary had the blessed assurance that "no word from God will ever fail (Luke 1:37)." You are anointed and highly favored, the Lord has a purpose (Jeremiah 29:11) for your life. Identify 2-3 areas of your life where you have experienced the Lord's favor. How did you respond? Were you able to use your favor to serve and bless others? What word of God are you holding onto now?

Practical Application:

- Make a daily discipline and connect with NCC Daily. (Download the [NCC app](#) to find our plan).
- [House of Prayer](#) gathers on Thursdays at 7:14PM; and [Upper Zoom](#) gathers on Wednesdays at 7:14AM.
- Join a group or a ministry team, or become a mission partner!
- Get in community by joining a [small group](#).