

# A Tale of Two Moms

Mother's Day 2026

## THINGS THAT CHANGE US

### A. Things that happen to us in life

1. Relationships - found and lost
  - a. Achievements and failures
  - b. These things help us form a picture of who we believe we are

### B. Factoring God in

1. A relationship with Him changes us

**Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)** For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago.

\*Johann Sebastian Bach's 1723 cantata Jesu, Joy of Man's desiring (play song)

## TWO WOMEN HAD A FACE TO FACE ENCOUNTER WITH GOD

**Luke 1:24-25 (NLT)** Soon afterward his wife, Elizabeth, became pregnant and went into seclusion for five months. "How kind the Lord is!" She exclaimed. "He has taken away my disgrace of having no children."

(In a society that had a limited scope of how women could be successful, it was key to be able to bear children)

**Luke 1:28-31(NLT)** 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! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus.

(Two women from different generations - one felt ashamed and one felt invisible. They didn't think highly of themselves)

**Luke 1:38-49 (NLT)** Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true."And then the angel left her. A few days later Mary hurried to the hill country of Judea, to the town where Zechariah lived. She entered the house and greeted Elizabeth. At the sound of Mary's greeting, Elizabeth's child leaped within her, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Elizabeth gave a glad cry and exclaimed to Mary, "God has blessed you above all women, and your child is blessed. Why am I so honored that the mother of my Lord should visit me? When I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy. You are blessed because you believed that the Lord would do what He said." Mary responded, "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. For the Mighty One is holy, and He has done great things for me.

(We have to see beyond the events of this story. More than likely you won't be having a baby in your elder years nor are you going to carry the Christ child.)

## YOUR ENCOUNTER WITH GOD

### A. How would God greet you?

1. Hello broken person, hurting one, invisible one
2. God calls us by name

**Isaiah 43:1 (NKJ)** But now, thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are mine.

B. **How does God see you**

1. Too often we think God sees us as we see ourselves
  - a. By what we are going through
2. He sees you in Christ
  - a. New Creation

***II Corinthians 5:17 (NKJ)*** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

- b. Accepted

***Ephesians 1:6*** to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

C. **You can carry something of God that is alive in you**

1. That others can perceive and receive from

***II Corinthians 4:7 (NKJ)*** But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

\*Bach's piece is known for its concluding line: (Jesus Bleibet Meine Freude) Jesus remains my joy