

# The Unwanted Parts of Motherhood

## I. God's Provision for Mary & Her Future

Luke 1:26–28 (NIV®)

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- A. Chosen by God for a Unique Role
- B. God's Provision was Sufficient
- C. A Most Remarkable Set of Experiences
- D. In God's Will
- E. Heartbreaking Moments
- F. Victory in Knowing Jesus
- G. Had to Surrender Her Dreams

## II. Unwanted Challenges

### A. Timing Was a Problem

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### B. Disruption of Her Plans & Dreams

Matthew 1:18–19 (NIV®)

<sup>18</sup>This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

### C. Gossip, Hatred & Rejection

Luke 1:38–40 (NIV®)

<sup>38</sup>"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her. <sup>39</sup>At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, <sup>40</sup>where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth.

## D. Unprepared & Inadequate

Luke 2:43–46 (NIV®)

<sup>43</sup>After the Feast was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. <sup>44</sup>Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup>When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. <sup>46</sup>**After three days they found him** in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

## E. Knowing & Waiting

John 2:1–5 (NIV®)

<sup>1</sup>On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, <sup>2</sup>and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." <sup>4</sup>"Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come." <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Luke 2:16–19 (NIV®)

<sup>16</sup>So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. <sup>19</sup>But **Mary treasured up all these things** and pondered them in her heart.

## F. Processing Loss

John 19:25–27 (NIV®)

<sup>25</sup>**Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother**, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," <sup>27</sup>and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

## G. Beyond Your Control

John 19:30 (NIV®)

When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Crucifixion, Resurrection, Ascension

## Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for the mother You chose for me. I trust Your grace and mercy. Today I choose to bless her and rejoice in the faithfulness of my God. I pray for the families of our nation — strengthen them, awaken them to your purposes, and protect them from evil. In Jesus' name, amen.