

Mary: A Steadfast Heart - Luke 1:26-38; 2:19-56

I. A Pure Heart of Faith - Luke 1:26-38

A. The purity of Mary, v. 27

B. The pronouncement of blessing, v. 28, 30

C. Mary's lack of understanding, v. 29

II. A Pondering Heart

A. The explanation of miraculous birth, v. 31-35

B. The battle of faith

1. The announcement of the angels, v. 29

2. The meeting with the shepherds, 2:19

3. The prophecy of Simeon - 2:25-33

4. The ministry of Jesus - Mark 3:21, 31

5. The death of Jesus - John 19:25-27

III. A Devoted Heart

A. The trip to see Elizabeth, v. 36-45

B. Mary's final response to the coming of Jesus, v. 46-56

- What questions plague your mind and bring doubt?
- What rattles your faith when you thought you were so strong?
- What does your faith invoke you to believe about your own sin and life?
- In moments of doubt, what truth from God's Word settles your concerns?
- How does Mary's example of pondering and keeping God's promises impact our own faith journey?
- If someone came to you seeking advice about discerning God's will how would you direct them to find it?

Next Week: Luke 2:25-35