

Reason for Hope Series
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Luke 1:26-38; 46-56

Message #3: Hope Because God Knows How to Hold Us Up

Mary sang her song not simply as an act of worship. It was an act that overflowed from a heart filled with joy and elation!

I). Mary took on the burden of being used by our Savior, **trusting that He would hold her up!**

a). Keeping our eyes on the end of the tunnel helps keep us on **task** during the turmoil.

- The only way to get through the dark times is to keep our eyes **fixed** on the light!

b). If we do not keep our eyes on the end of the tunnel, we will not be able to see the Lord **working** in us!

- We can measure our progress on our journey by how much **closer** to the light we get!

c). If every trial/tribulation/struggle in our life is a 'tunnel,' then it is only when we **reach** the end of the tunnel that we get to see the **fullness** of God's plan in all its glory!

John 19:26 *When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother."*

At the very end of His life, Jesus still held His servant Mary up!

Can you see your life, and issues in your life, as tunnels having lights at the end?

Are you willing to trust God's plan for your life? For things He is allowing you to go through?

How will you react to His using you for His glory?

