

CELEBRATING SCENES FROM THE NATIVITY

“Godly Parents: A Fearless Calling”

A GODLY CALLING: An ENTRUSTED Father

- Introduction to Joseph: Matthew 1:18
- Joseph’s calling - “Do not FEAR’ (vs 20)
 1. To take Mary as your wife
 2. To be Jesus’ adopted parent
- Joseph’s response: FEAR or BELIEF?
- Our response: Replace our FEARS WITH BELIEF

A GODLY PROMISE: A FAVORED Mother

- Introduction to Mary: Isaiah 7:14, Luke 1:26-38
- Mary’s calling - “Do not be AFRAID’ (vs 30-31)
 1. Be the fulfillment of ancient prophecy
 2. Give birth to God (Immanuel God with us)
 3. Be responsible for raising God
- Mary’s response: WORRY or WORSHIP? (Vs 38)
- Our response: Replace WORRY WITH WORSHIP
“His kingship is not built on the anxiety of His people, it is intended to deliver His people from anxiety.” John Piper
- In every aspect of life, RECOGNIZE Jesus as KING and REST in Him

Mary's Song: Luke 1:46-55
17 Characteristics of God that Mary sings about

⁴⁶And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, ⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name. ⁵⁰His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. ⁵¹He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. ⁵²He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. ⁵³He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful ⁵⁵to Abraham and his descendants forever, even as he said to our fathers."

He is Lord	vs 46
He is the Savior	vs 47
He is Omniscient	vs 48
He's respectful	vs 48
He is Mighty	vs 49
He's personal	vs 49
He is Holy	vs 49
He is merciful	vs 50
He is worthy	vs 50
He is strong	vs 51
He is sovereign	vs 52
He is gracious	vs 52
He is generous	vs 53
He is just	vs 53
He is humble	vs 54
He is faithful	vs 54
He is eternal	vs 55