

PULPIT COMPANION

THE MOVEMENTS
OF MOTHERS
WHO MAKE
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Today, we delve into the profound spiritual journey of Mary, the mother of Jesus, and how her example can inspire us in our own faith walks.

The key message centers on 'making room' for God's work in our lives, just as Mary made room for Jesus. We explore four movements in Mary's life: saying yes to God's call, walking with Jesus through His life, understanding her role in God's legacy, and giving herself fully to God's purpose.

This narrative, woven through Luke 1 and John 19, reminds us that our 'yes' to God can become the birthplace of someone else's breakthrough. Mary's story teaches us that true motherhood - whether biological or spiritual - is not just about giving birth, but about nurturing, staying present, and carrying God's calling.

As we reflect on this, we're challenged to consider: How are we making room for God's work in our lives? Are we willing to say yes, even when we don't fully understand? This message encourages us to embrace our role in birthing God's purpose, not just for ourselves, but for future generations.

SCRIPTURES FROM PULPIT AI

- Ephesians 1 and 5
- Proverbs 31:28
- Luke 1:26-33
- Luke 1:38
- John 19:25-27
- Isaiah 7:14
- Galatians 4:4
- Psalms 118:24





DEVOTIONAL

Day 1: Saying Yes to God's Call

Reading: Luke 1:26-38

Devotional: Mary's willingness to say "yes" to God's plan, despite the uncertainty and potential challenges, demonstrates profound faith and trust. Like Mary, we are called to make room in our lives for God's purposes.

Reflect on areas where God may be calling you to step out in faith. Are there dreams, visions, or promptings you've hesitated to embrace? Consider how saying "yes" to God, even when it seems difficult or unclear, can lead to extraordinary blessings and impact. Pray for the courage to respond to God's call with a heart that says, "Be it unto me according to your word."

Day 2: Walking with the Word Made Flesh

Reading: John 1:1-14

Devotional: Just as Mary walked with Jesus throughout His life, we are called to walk closely with Christ daily. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, inviting us into an intimate relationship with God.

How can you cultivate a deeper walk with Jesus today? Consider practical ways to abide in His presence - through prayer, meditation on Scripture, or acts of service. Reflect on how staying close to Jesus, even in difficult times, can transform your perspective and strengthen your faith. Ask God to help you remain steadfast in your journey with Him, through both joys and challenges.

Day 3: Understanding Our Spiritual Legacy

Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Devotional: We are entrusted with a spiritual legacy that goes beyond our immediate circumstances. Like Mary, who was given a continued assignment even after Jesus' crucifixion, we are called to nurture and pass on our faith. Reflect on the spiritual legacy you've received from others and the legacy you're creating. How can you intentionally invest in the spiritual growth of those around you? Consider ways to "make room" for others in your spiritual journey, mentoring and encouraging them in faith. Pray for wisdom to steward well the spiritual gifts and calling God has given you.





Day 4: Giving of Ourselves in Service

Reading: Romans 12:1-8

Devotional: Mary gave more than just birth to Jesus; she gave herself fully to God's plan. Similarly, we are called to offer ourselves as living sacrifices. What does it mean for you to give yourself fully to God's purposes?

Reflect on your unique gifts and how they can be used to serve others and advance God's kingdom. Consider areas where you might be holding back and ask God for the grace to surrender fully. Pray for opportunities to use your gifts in ways that bring glory to God and blessings to others.

Day 5: Birthing Hope in Difficult Times

Reading: Isaiah 66:7-14

Devotional: Even in the face of suffering and uncertainty, we are called to be bearers of hope. Like a mother in labor, we may experience pain and struggle, but God promises new life and joy.

Reflect on challenging situations in your life or in the world around you. How can you be a source of hope and comfort to others, even in the midst of difficulty? Consider practical ways to "birth" hope through acts of kindness, words of encouragement, or persistent prayer. Ask God to fill you with His hope and to use you as an instrument of His peace and redemption in the world.





SMALL GROUP GUIDE: “The Movement of Mothers Who Make Room”

Opening Prayer:

Begin the session with a prayer, thanking God for mothers and asking for wisdom as you discuss the sermon.

Key Takeaways:

1. Mothers play a crucial spiritual role in birthing and nurturing God's redemptive plan.
2. Mary's example shows four key movements of a mother who makes room: saying yes, walking with, understanding legacy, and giving.
3. Spiritual motherhood extends beyond biological connections.
4. Forgiveness is essential - both forgiving our mothers and forgiving ourselves as mothers.

Discussion Questions:

1. The sermon emphasized Mary's "yes" to God. How can we cultivate a willingness to say yes to God's plans, even when they're unexpected or challenging?
2. Pastor Partee spoke about mothers who "walk with" their children through all circumstances. Share an example of someone who has "walked with" you through difficult times. How did their presence impact you?
3. How does understanding our role in God's legacy change our perspective on parenting or mentoring others?
4. The sermon touched on the idea of "spiritual mothers." Who has been a spiritual mother in your life? How can we be spiritual mothers/fathers to others?
5. Pastor Partee addressed the need to forgive our mothers and ourselves. Why is forgiveness so crucial in our spiritual journey? What makes it challenging?
6. How does the concept of "making room" apply to our lives, whether we're parents or not?





Practical Applications:

1. Write a letter of gratitude to someone who has been a "mother" figure in your life, acknowledging their impact.
2. Identify one area where you need to "make room" in your life for God's work. Create a specific plan to do so this week.
3. If you're struggling with forgiving your mother or yourself, spend time in prayer asking God for help in this area.
4. Look for an opportunity to be a "spiritual parent" to someone younger in faith. This could involve mentoring, encouragement, or simply being present.
5. Reflect on how you can "birth tomorrow" in your current role or circumstances. What legacy are you creating?

Closing Prayer:

Close the session by praying for mothers, for healing in mother-child relationships, and for the group to embrace their role in nurturing God's work in the world.

