

## STRONG WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

### Mary: Strong In Obedience

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The highest priority is doing the will of God and thus creating a spiritual family.

<sup>17</sup> *"And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near.*

<sup>18</sup> *For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.*

<sup>19</sup> *Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,"* Ephesians 2:17-19

#### V. OBEYING JESUS DEMANDS SURRENDER

<sup>5</sup> *"His mother said to the servants, 'Whatever He says to you, do it.'"* John 2:5

- Doing what you are told to do.
- When you are told to do it.
- With the right heart attitude.

<sup>24</sup> *"Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.*

<sup>25</sup> *For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.'"*

Matthew 16:24-25

**MARY: BE STRONG IN OBEDIENCE**

#### Introduction:

- A. Did you know the Bible is full of stories of awesome strong women? These are strong women who discovered supernatural strength found only in God.

These women were like the women described in Proverbs 31,

*"Strength and honor are her clothing"* (Proverbs 31:25a).

- B. In the Strong Women Of The Bible Teaching Series we will unveil the story of seven strong women. And how these formidable women wielded this power to overcome difficulties and transform lives.

Get ready to EMPOWER your life by applying principles and lessons from STRONG WOMAN OF THE BIBLE.

TODAY	Mary: Strong In Obedience
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May 24	Rahab: Strong In Faith
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**TEXT:** John 19:25-27

Mary was obedient in the difficult role of serving as the mother of Jesus.

*"Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene."* John 19:25

Mary was the only person there when Jesus took his first breath and his last breath.

## HOW TO BE STRONG IN OBEDIENCE

### I. OBEYING JESUS BEGINS WITH FAITH

<sup>34</sup> "Then Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I do not know a man?'"

<sup>35</sup> And the angel answered and said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.'

<sup>36</sup> Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren.

<sup>37</sup> For with God nothing will be impossible.'

<sup>38</sup> Then Mary said, 'Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word.' And the angel departed from her."

Luke 1:34-38

Faith is the foundation of the Christian life.

<sup>6</sup> "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."

Hebrews 11:6

### II. OBEYING JESUS INCLUDES JOY AND SORROW

<sup>27</sup> "So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law,

<sup>28</sup> he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said:"

Luke 2:27-28

<sup>34</sup> "Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, 'Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against

<sup>35</sup> (yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.'"

Luke 2:34-35

Your children will bring you your greatest pleasure and your greatest pain.

<sup>4</sup> "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."

III John 1:4

### III. OBEYING JESUS COMMUNICATES LOVE

<sup>46</sup> "Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions.

<sup>47</sup> And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers.

<sup>48</sup> So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, 'Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously.'

<sup>49</sup> And He said to them, 'Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?'"

Luke 2:46-49

<sup>51</sup> "...but His mother kept all these things in her heart."

Luke 2:51b

Obedience is God's love language.

<sup>15</sup> "If you love Me, keep My commandments."

John 14:15

<sup>21</sup> "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me..."

John 14:21a

### IV. OBEYING JESUS REQUIRES COMMITMENT

<sup>31</sup> "Then His brothers and His mother came, and standing outside they sent to Him, calling Him.

<sup>32</sup> And a multitude was sitting around Him; and they said to Him, 'Look, Your mother and Your brothers are outside seeking You.'

<sup>33</sup> But He answered them, saying, 'Who is My mother, or My brothers?'

<sup>34</sup> And He looked around in a circle at those who sat about Him, and said, 'Here are My mother and My brothers!'

<sup>35</sup> For whoever does the will of God is My brother and My sister and mother.'"

Mark 3:31-35