



WONDER

Wonder Part 4 - 12/16/18

OVERVIEW

A core fear that most of us struggle with is the thought that our life will not matter in the end. Meaning, fulfillment, and a lasting legacy are the things we are driven toward and fight for in our life's experiences and interactions. Achieving a life that matters is highlighted in the Christmas story. A manger...a baby...humility...a hunger for God to be glorified...all personified in Jesus. His grace and strength on full display.

Scripture: Luke 1:51-53

APPLICATION

1. Woody said that "Mary's Magnificat" is the world's first Christmas song. Share your favorite Christmas song and why.
2. Read Mary's song of praise in Luke 1:46-55. Make a list of the characteristics of God you see in these verses. What stands out to you about her song?
3. Mary's life is evidence of her dependence on God's mighty power and in verses 51 and 52 we see her proclaiming His strength. In what areas are you still relying on your own strength—where do you need to recognize God's power?
4. Woody points out that God brings down the proud and powerful, but He lifts the humble and lowly. Are there any areas in your life where you are in danger of being brought down because you are too prideful? Explain.
5. Jesus was born a lowly baby, viewed as a "memzer" (greek word for a person born from a forbidden relationship), and threatened by the leaders of His time. Yet now, we remember Jesus, even as we forget the Caesars and Herods of the times. This is evidence that temporal power is often forgotten in the face of transformative power. What lasting legacy do you want to leave when you depart this earth? What do you want to be remembered for?
6. HOMEWORK: This week evaluate if the course of your life is moving towards the legacy you want to leave. If it isn't...what do you need to surrender to God or do to align your course?