
SERMON OUTLINE

Who God Uses

- I. Humble and Obedient Mary (Luke 1)
 - A. Unknown: Mary was a simple, unknown, godly young woman (1:26-37).
 - God chooses the simple to do what's great (1 Corinthians 1:27).
 - B. Submissive Servanthood: Mary had a submissive servant attitude (1:38)
 - While the world seeks greatness, God seeks submissiveness.
 - C. Glorifies God: Mary gave God all the glory for what He was doing (1:46-56).
 - God seeks those who will clearly give him credit, not themselves.

- II. Gracious and Obedient Joseph (Matthew 1)
 - A. Unknown, but righteous: Joseph was a simple tradesman known as righteous (1:18-19).
 - God looks for character that no one else sees (1 Samuel 16:7)
 - B. Gracious to others: Joseph was gracious and hoped to avoid humiliating Mary even when she seemed guilty (1:19).
 - Godliness shows itself when we choose grace over retaliation (Luke 6:35-36).
 - C. Consistent obedience: Joseph obeyed God in each difficult, faith-stretching test (1:20-25; 2:13-14; 19-23)
 - The quality of our obedience is shown by the difficulty of the test.