

## **From Mary to Moms** **Luke 1:30-31**

### **Lessons from the mothering experience of Mary:**

#### **I. The call to motherhood is about stewardship, because our children belong to God and His purposes (Luke 1:26-56).**

*“He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David... “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Luke 1:32, 38*

#### **II. Raising a child demands that the mother rely on and find her strength in God (Luke 1:46-55).**

*“And Mary said: “My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior...” Luke 1:46-47*

#### **III. To varying degrees, mothers will face the pain of watching their children suffer (Luke 2:34-35; John 19:25-27).**

*“Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, <sup>35</sup> so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.” Luke 2:34-35*

*“Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.” John 19:25*

#### **IV. In the lives of our children, there is hope that they will follow God’s plan (Acts 1:12-14).**

*“They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.” Acts 1:14*