



A Very Mary Christmas
Lesson 3: A Very Mary Attitude
December 12 & 13

Life's pain is an opportunity for "God's Power"

Philippians 1:29 For you have been given not only the privilege of trusting in Christ but also **the privilege of suffering for him.** *New Living Translation*

2 Corinthians 12:8 **Three times** I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. 9 But he said to me, "**My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.**" Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. *New International Version*

2 Corinthians 12:10 That is why, for Christ's sake, **I delight** in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. *New International Version*

Mary Endured Jesus' Birth

Travel

Luke 2:1 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. **2** (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) **3** And everyone went to their own town to register. *New International Version*

Mary Endured Jesus' Birth

Travel

Luke 2:4 So Joseph also went up **from** the town of **Nazareth** in Galilee to Judea, **to Bethlehem** the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.

5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ***New International Version***

Mary Endured Jesus' Birth

Location

Luke 2:6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, **7** and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and **placed him in a manger**, because there was no guest room available for them. ***New International Version***

Mary Endured Separation

Luke 8:19 Now Jesus' mother and brothers came to see him, but they were not able to get near him because of the crowd. **20** Someone told him, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you." ***New International Version***

Mary Endured Separation

Luke 8:21 He replied, "**My mother and brothers** are those who hear God's word and put it into practice." ***New International Version***

Mary Endured Jesus' Death

John 19:25 Near the cross of Jesus **stood his mother**, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. **26** When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "**Woman, here is your son**," **27** and to the disciple, "**Here is your mother**." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home. ***New International Version***

Hebrews 4:16 Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and **find grace to help** us in our time of need. ***New International Version***