



## MAGNIFY THE LORD – Part 1

# BEING ATTENTIVE TO THE POWERLESS

Luke 1:48

## A Powerless Young Girl

Luke 1:26-33

<sup>30</sup> But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God.

<sup>31</sup> You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.

## A Powerful Faith

Luke 1:38

<sup>38</sup> “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May it be to me according to your word.” Then the angel left her.

## A Magnificent Praise Song

Luke 1:46-55

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said: “My soul **magnifies** the Lord <sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, <sup>48</sup> for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, <sup>49</sup> for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name. <sup>50</sup> His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.

## To Magnify

1. To cause to be held in greater esteem or respect, 2. To increase in significance : intensify, exaggerate, 3: To enlarge in fact or in appearance

Luke 1:46-55

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Psalm 34:1-3

<sup>1</sup> I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. <sup>2</sup> My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. <sup>3</sup> **O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.**

## God Is Attentive to the Powerless

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Romans 5:6-8

<sup>6</sup> You see, at just the right time, **when we were still powerless,** Christ died for the ungodly.

## We Must Be Attentive to the Powerless

James 1:27

<sup>27</sup> Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to **look after orphans and widows in their distress** and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

1 Thessalonians 5:14

<sup>14b</sup> ...encourage the **disheartened**, help the **weak**, be patient with everyone.

Luke 14:12-14

<sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, **invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind,** <sup>14</sup> **and you will be blessed.** Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

## Who Are the Powerless

Do We See Them? Do They See Us? Are We Magnifying the Lord So they Can See Him?

1 John 3:17-18

<sup>17</sup> If any one of you has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in you? <sup>18</sup> Dear children, **let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.**