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EPISODE 10: LUKE 1 AND MARY'S BOLD EMBRACE OF HER FEMININITY

Kalos Track begins with a look at Mary's bold and costly "yes" to God's call on her life, which included a fearless embrace of her femininity. In this episode, we walk through the text of Luke 1, highlighting everything we make sure to emphasize for our women.

Don't miss these big ideas:

1. Don't miss that God uses women to accomplish His purposes!

The gospel story begins (and continues all the way through) with God calling women to be instruments of gospel advance. The adjectives that many of our women have used to describe their experience in the church today are unseen, passed over, marginalized, etc. This text pushes up against the lies that women are not valued or needed.

2. Don't miss the steepness of the cost of God's call on Mary's life.

Mary is being called to a very hard obedience. She is having to say "yes" to a life she hadn't planned for herself. Her reputation, her body, her marriage, her wedding day, her financial future – all of it and more is being put in jeopardy here. Make sure to note that in our day Mary would immediately be hustled to Planned Parenthood and counseled to kill the baby and "save" her future rather than receive the baby and trust God with her future.

3. Don't miss the wonder, the strength, and the faith (oh, and maybe even the surprise!) of Mary's beautiful "YES!" to the will of God on her life.

Verse 38 should steal the breath of everyone in the room. By faith, Mary is abandoning all self-preference, self-comfort, and self-interest to obey God and His intentions for her life. It's no wonder Elizabeth Eliot branded Mary "the epitome of true femininity." She models a humble yes to serving God in the exact ways that He ordains.

4. Don't miss the centrality of motherhood to the story of the gospel.

The Lord did not breeze past or work around Mary's femininity in accomplishing the work of the gospel, but worked directly through it. Emphasize the dignity that this gives to femininity. A woman's embrace of her femininity is the means by which God has saved the world!!

5. Don't miss that the Lord does not hold it against Mary for asking "pragmatic" questions.

Being wired toward concern about the on-the-ground ramifications of God's call is not necessarily a sign of a lack of faith.

6. Don't miss the Lord's providing and preparing Elizabeth and Joseph to know what is happening with Mary that they might welcome, celebrate, comfort, and support her.

Help them feel the tender care of God the Father for Mary here. She would be overwhelmed and scared, but in love she was given community to rally to her.

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