

Are you a spiritual person? Series (6) **Mom and the Holy Spirit, Luke 2:15-19.**

*¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. **Luke 2:15-19***

Treasuring the Gift of Life.

Mary treasured these miraculous events and her living breathing child. She treasured not only the gift of life at birth but also what this child would become.

We live in a confused world that diminishes the role of motherhood and distorts God's gender design. Motherhood is a divine life-giving work of God.

Pondering the Presence of the Spirit. The Holy Spirit is woven into Luke 1 & 2.

Pondering the role of the Holy Spirit. The angel tells Mary that she will give birth by the Holy Spirit.

Pondering that John was filled with Spirit, in his Mother's womb. (God's Providence)
*He will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. **Luke 1:15***

Pondering her greeting and Elizabeth's filling of the Holy Spirit. (Joy)
*When Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. **Luke 1:41***

Embracing God's purpose for her life.

Bringing life into the world is sacred, beautiful, and purposeful. Mary embraced God's purpose.

In pro-life debate, it is not about *my body, my choice...* it is the purpose and will of God.

Giving birth, being a mom, and Motherhood are **God's plan**. We need to be treasuring and pondering the presence, purpose, and peace of God in our lives.

My mom has had Alzheimer's for the past 16 years. I spend a lot of time reflecting. My mom embraced a missionary call at age 12, later married Dad, moved to Liberia in 1968, and served for 30 years. Interwoven into that was her role as a mom. She had 5 children. I am a testimony and product of God's plan. Being a mom is not a necessary evil, it is a powerful gift from God.

Mother's Day is more than a celebration of Mom. Celebration of God. The world may not know Him or value His ways – but the blessing is in His Design.

You are a treasure to Him. Just as your physical birth is a part of God's plan, so is your spiritual birth. God sent His only Son because you are a treasure to him.