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# The Mary Miracle



## **Luke 1:26-28**


**<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary.**



## **Luke 1:26-28**

**28 The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.”**



A night scene with a starry sky, a bright star, and a woman on a donkey with a man in a desert landscape. The text is overlaid on the scene.

Mary's life became a mix of  
**promise and pain.**

## Luke 1:35

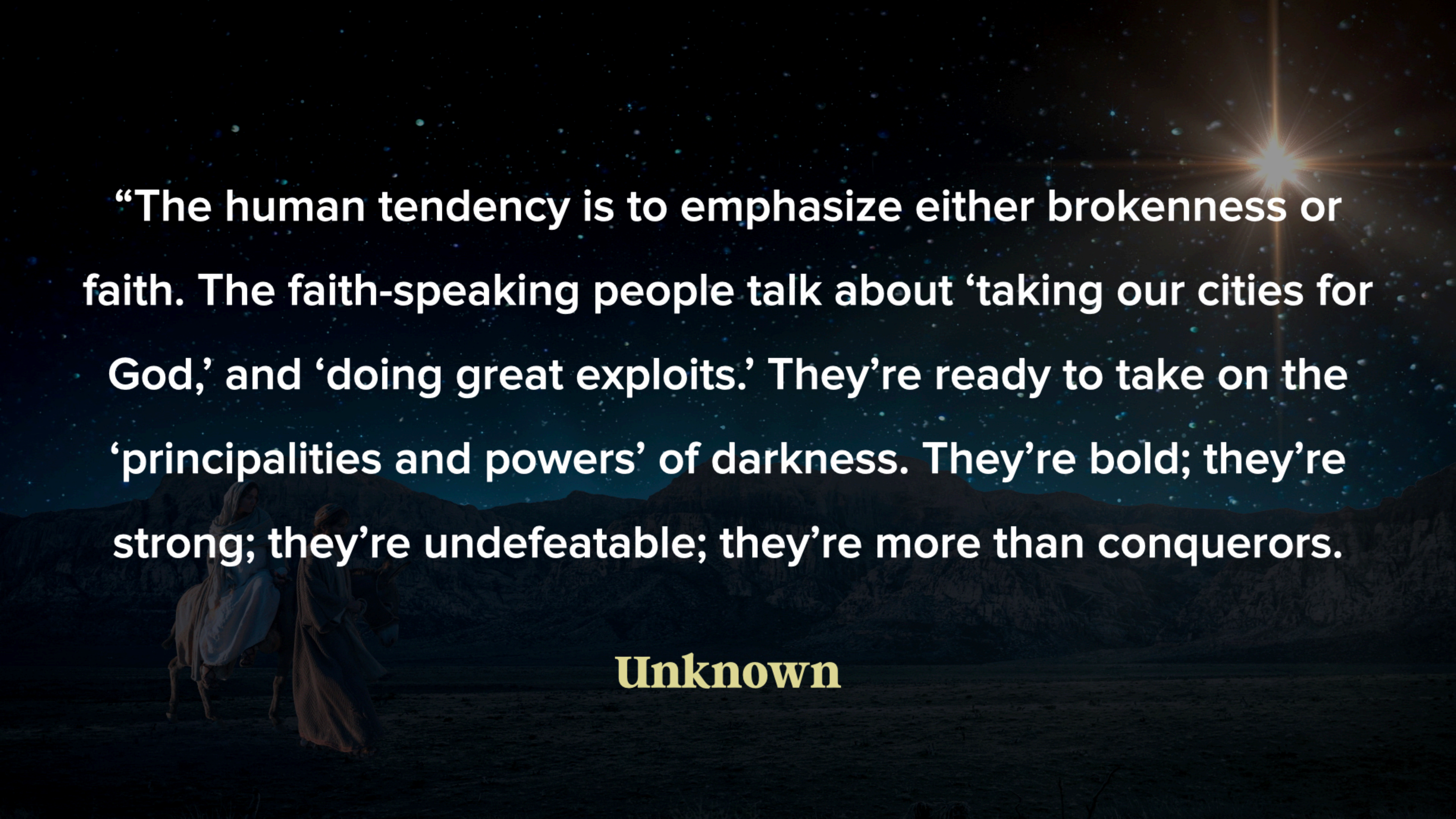
<sup>35</sup> The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.”



## Luke 2:35

35 . . . “And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”



A night sky with a bright starburst in the upper right and a silhouette of a person on a donkey in the lower left.

**“The human tendency is to emphasize either brokenness or faith. The faith-speaking people talk about ‘taking our cities for God,’ and ‘doing great exploits.’ They’re ready to take on the ‘principalities and powers’ of darkness. They’re bold; they’re strong; they’re undefeatable; they’re more than conquerors.**

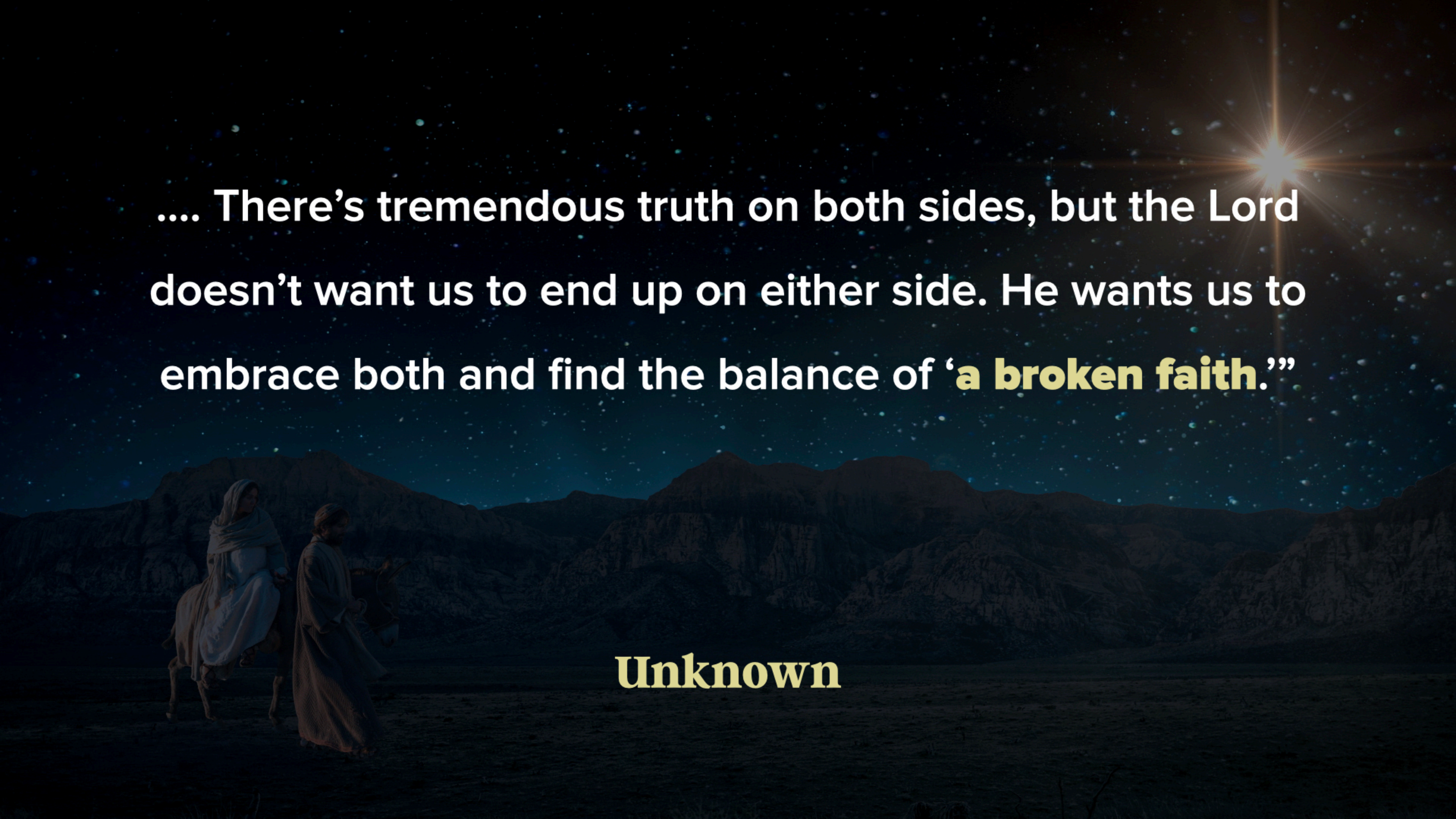
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Then you've got your brokenness people. Every time you ask them how they're doing, they say things like, 'God is sifting His church. There's a breaking going on right now. He's shaking everything that can be shaken. God is really cleaning house.'

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... There's tremendous truth on both sides, but the Lord doesn't want us to end up on either side. He wants us to embrace both and find the balance of **'a broken faith.'**"

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Mary's pain was  
**very real.**



## **Luke 2:49-50**

**49 “Why were you searching for me?” he [Jesus] asked.**

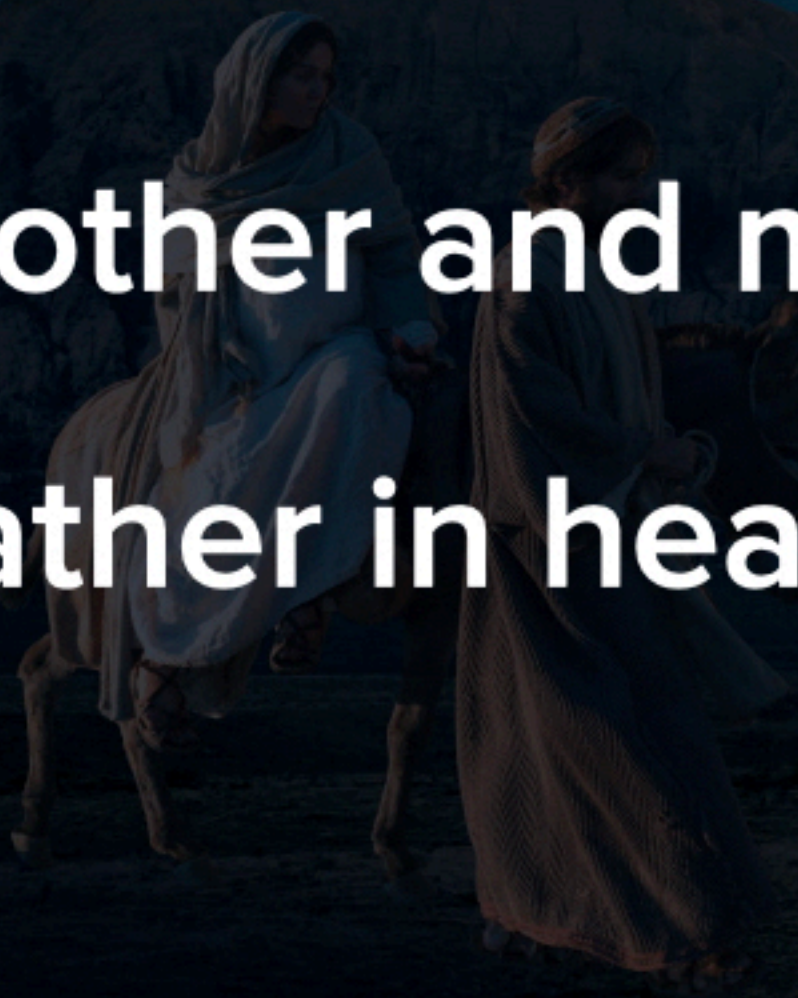
**“Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?”**

**50 But they did not understand what he was saying to them.**



## **Matthew 12:47-50**

**47** Someone told him [Jesus], “Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you.” **48** He replied to him, “Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?” **49** Pointing to his disciples, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers. **50** For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”



## **John 7:4-5**

**4 No one who wants to become a public figure acts in secret. Since you are doing these things, show yourself to the world.” 5 For even his own brothers did not believe in him.**



## **John 19:26-27**

**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.**



Mary's pain was real,  
but **promise** prevailed.



# The promise of a Savior





## **Luke 1:31-32, 35**

**<sup>31</sup> You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High... <sup>35</sup> “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.”**



A night sky filled with stars, with a prominent bright star in the upper right corner. Below the sky, a dark landscape features two figures in the lower left: one person riding a donkey and another walking beside it. The overall scene is dimly lit, emphasizing the star and the text.

The promise of a Savior

The promise of the Spirit

## **Luke 24:49**

**49 I [Jesus] am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.**



## Acts 1:14

<sup>14</sup> They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and **Mary the mother of Jesus**, and with his brothers.



## **Acts 2:1,4**

**<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place... <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.**



...“May your word to me be fulfilled.”

**Luke 1:38b**



**Have you submitted yourself completely to Christ?**



The background of the image is a dark, starry night sky. A prominent, bright star with a four-pointed starburst pattern is located in the upper right quadrant. Below the sky, a dark, silhouetted mountain range stretches across the horizon. In the lower left foreground, two figures are visible: one person is riding a donkey, and another person is walking alongside them, both dressed in traditional, light-colored robes. The overall scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source being the bright star in the sky.

Have you submitted yourself completely to Christ?

Are you determined to live a life full of the Holy Spirit?



A night sky filled with stars, with a prominent bright star in the upper right corner. In the lower left, a silhouette of a person riding a donkey is visible against a dark, mountainous landscape.

Have you submitted yourself completely to Christ?

Are you determined to live a life full of the Holy Spirit?

Could “broken faith” become your offering back to God?

...“May your word to me be fulfilled.”

**Luke 1:38b**



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