



In Humility

**Quest Book:
Chapter 3**

Luke 1:26-38

A. God Interrupts the Ordinary

1. God’s Favor on Nazareth

*“In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee...”
Luke 1:26 (NIV)*

2. God’s Favor on the Betrothed

“...to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David.” Luke 1:27a-b(NIV)

3. God’s Favor on Mary

“The virgin’s name was Mary.” Luke 1:27c-28 (NIV)

A Question in Response:

Is your life open to being interrupted by God’s plan?

B. God Makes the Impossible Possible

1. God’s Power In Natural Emotion

*“Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; His kingdom will never end.’”
Luke 1: 29-33 (NIV)*

2. God’s Power In the Womb

*“‘How will this be,’ Mary asked the angel, ‘since I am a virgin?’ 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. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail.’”
Luke 1:34-37 (NIV)*

3. God’s Power In Humility

*“‘I am the Lord’s servant,’ Mary answered. ‘May your word to me be fulfilled.’ Then the angel left her.”
Luke 1:38 (NIV)*

A Question in Response:

Is your pride getting in the way of God’s power in you?

C. What Mary’s Humility Teaches the Post-Resurrection Believer

1. True greatness is not in our power, but is in our surrender to the One with the power.

“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. 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.” 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (NIV)

2. We do not need a detailed itinerary from God to obey God...just trust.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

3. God’s Kingdom is not built in halls of power, but in the humble, everyday “yes”.

“Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before Him.” 1 Corinthians 1:26-29 (NIV)

Bottom Line:
Humility > Pride

To begin a relationship with Jesus...
Text: “Jesus” to 570-273-0088

Christmas Eve (Wednesday):
Woven: The Christmas Story Through Time.

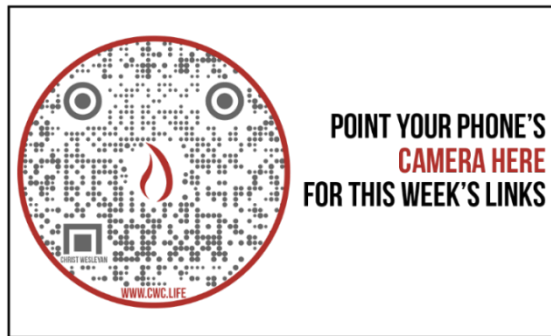
Week 4: Christmas Eve: In the Manger
Quest Book: Chapter 4

Milton Campus: Pastor Branden
Sunbury Campus: Pastor Billy Robel

Next Sunday:
Woven: The Christmas Story Through Time

Week 5: In the Future

Milton Campus: Pastor Branden Mestach
Sunbury Campus: Pastor Drew Lahr



Giving & Attendance Update

Giving last Sunday: 90.8%

Giving year to date: 86.8% of goal

Attendance Last Weekend: 1,797

Salvations to date: 90 | Baptisms to date: 54

“Reach the One” Campaign Update

160 – Pledges with 429 Total Participants

\$2,198,564.00 - Donations Anticipated by Nov. 2027

\$1,441,982.60 - Received Donations – 36% of \$4M Goal

Want to pledge, donate, or learn more?

Scan:



Upcoming Happenings:

December 24th - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Milton Campus: 3:00p, 4:30p, and 6:00p

Sunbury Campus: 3:00p and 4:30p

Online Campus: 3:00p, 4:30p, and 6:00p

How do I know if I am prideful?

Questions about your actions & reactions

- Do I get defensive or angry when criticized or corrected?
- Do I always need to win or be right in disagreements?
- Is it hard for me to say, "I was wrong," or ask for help?
- Do I expect others to serve me rather than serving them?
- Do I get upset when my achievements aren't recognized?

Questions about your thoughts & feelings

- Do I feel superior to others or look down on their mistakes?
- Am I jealous or critical of others' success?
- Do I constantly seek attention or crave praise from people?
- Do I dwell on past accomplishments or daydream about future greatness?
- Do I feel entitled to certain respect, comfort, or recognition?
- Do I place my self-worth in my abilities rather than something greater?

Questions about your perspective

- Who do I give credit to for my successes—myself or God/others?
- Do I focus on what I lack or what I have?
- Do I struggle to feel grateful for "little things"?
- Do I find it difficult to genuinely compliment or encourage others?

Yes: 2 Points

Sometimes: 1 Point

No: 0 Points

Point Scale:

26-30 – Yep, mayday!

20-25 – I am. It might be something worth exploring.

15-19 – A little bit!

10-14 – At times, but I would say I am just confident.

2-9 – Call me a “Humblebee.”

0-1 – Give me another test: “How to know if I have poor self-awareness.”

Looking for your next step at CWC?

Welcome Party – 1st Sunday of Every Month

- If you are new or if you’ve been around a bit and are looking to build friendships with others, our Welcome Party is for you! **Get to know others** who are newer at CWC as well as our welcome team and our pastors in a relational environment. There will be light refreshments and the opportunity to hear about our small groups, baptism, and your next step of Growth Track. If you’re asking the question, “*How can I make friends here,*” then this is for you! No registration is required, you can just show up. Look for the signs on the first Sunday of the month.

Growth Track – 3-week class on Sunday Mornings or Wednesday Nights

- Growth Track exists to help you learn about the vision of CWC, the gifts God has given you, and how you can use them in specific opportunities to serve at CWC. You’ll learn amongst others of how to become a vital part of the ministries of the church so that we can share the light of Christ with our communities. If you miss a class, don’t worry! Growth Track runs every other month and we even have an online option you can participate in (though we recommend in-person if you can). You can see what classes are available by going to bit.ly/cwcgrowthtrack.

Membership Class – Once a quarter on Sundays after 2nd service

- Membership class is the last step of fully assimilating at CWC. Learn about our denomination, The Wesleyan Church and the bigger movement we are a part of across the world. This 3-hour class with the lead pastor provides you a place to **ask important questions about our beliefs as a church** and allows you to become eligible for our local board of administration. You also become eligible for denominational events like our district and general conferences. To sign up for our next class, let us know at the Hub or email: loretta.paulhamus@cwc.life