

“And Mary remained with
her about three months,
and returned to her house”

Luke 1:56



How is the status of our
heart revealed in the way we
handle “the News”?



□ “The news” for St. Mary is a call to service

- Visiting and serving Elizabeth
- Asking the Lord to ease the embarrassment at the wedding of Cana
- Nehemiah doing the same upon hearing the news coming from Jerusalem



❑ “The news” of the defeat at Ai was a call for self-examination for Joshua

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Joshua 7:6

Joshua's Reaction to Defeat

Joshua 7:6 (ESV)
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□ “The news” for Moses about Pharaoh coming after the people of Israel was another occasion to experience God’s power

➤ “And Moses said to the people, ‘Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today’” *Exodus 14:13*



□ “The news” for David about the death of his son from Bathsheba put an end to his grief and struggle

- “So David arose from the ground, washed and anointed himself, and changed his clothes; and he went into the house of the LORD and worshiped. Then he went to his own house; and when he requested, they set food before him, and he ate” *2 Samuel 12:20*



□ “The news” about the persecution triggered against the early church led the disciples to pray always and proclaim the message more boldly

➤ “So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said...”

Acts 4:24

