

Dig-a-bit Month 5 Episode 4

Conversations: The Handmaiden of the Lord

[00:00:00] Good morning. As we are winding up our month five study, conversations that our Lord had with Mary, both pre incarnate and after. The seed of the Holy Spirit was planted in the womb of Mary. We are talking about, and after the Christ child was born, and even after he grew into adulthood, and even from the cross, we're talking about those conversations that God had with Mary, the mother of Jesus.

And I wanted us to just close really quickly by noticing her closing remark to the angel Gabriel in Luke 1:38. She said, Behold, The handmaid of the Lord, be it to me according to your word. I love the submissive spirit of Mary. And of course she was chosen to be the mother of Jesus because of that spirit [00:01:00] of complete submission that she had.

But even as a young girl, being terrified in the moment. She still found those words. Behold, the handmaid of the Lord. Be it unto me according to your word. We talked about last night in our local study how that these are words that everybody should have on their hearts. Every woman should have on her heart.

on her refrigerator, on the dashboard of her car, wherever it is, on her phone, where it pops up on her screensaver, wherever it is that she's going to see it. Behold the handmaiden of the Lord, be it unto me according to your word. And yet sometimes we have the direct commands of the same God to Women specifically address to us, and many times we're not saying behold the handmaid of the Lord.

I do not permit a woman to [00:02:00] teach 1 Timothy 2:12 or to exercise authority over a man. Rather, she is to remain quiet. The words of God to women today. Am I saying behold, the handmaid, the submissive, handmaid of the Lord. Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husband. We've studied that word. So that even if some don't obey the word, they might be one without a word by the conduct of their wives when they see your respectful and pure conduct.

Respectful and pure. Behold, the handmaid of the Lord. Be it to me according to your word. Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine, but teaching that which is good. [00:03:00] Behold, the handmaid of the Lord, whatever you say, Lord, I'm going to be a teacher. And

that younger women are to love their husbands, children, to be self controlled, to be pure.

workers at home, kind and submissive to their own husbands that the word of God may not be blasphemed or reviled. Behold, the handmaid of the Lord, be it unto me according to your word. So I would have younger widows marry bear children, manage their households, and give the devil the adversary. Or the adversary in this world, no occasion for slander.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it to me according to your word. The women should [00:04:00] keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak, but should be in submission, as the law also says. If there's anything they desire to learn, let them ask their husbands at home, for it's shameful for a woman to speak in church.

Behold, the handmaid of the Lord, be it unto me according to your word.

Her children rise up and call her blessed. Her husband also, and he praises her, O be it unto me according to your word. Behold, your handmaiden.

The wisest of women builds her house. But folly with her own hands tears it down. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.[00:05:00]

Let's do one more. Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness.

Be it unto me as the handmaiden of the Lord. Wives, submit to your own husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife. Oh, it's hard in our culture. Behold, it was hard for Mary in her culture, believe me, to be exposed now as with child. Be done to me according to your word. Behold, the handmaid of the Lord.

So many more that I'd like to take time to do, but this is a dig a bit. It is just a powerful phrase. that we should take into [00:06:00] universal and yet very specific to the life of Cindy Colley. We should take as our mantra in all situations in all places in our lives. It's powerful. I'm gonna go write it and put it on my refrigerator.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord be done to me according to your word. Have a great day.