

# LUKE 07 - Slow, Supernatural, Significant - Luke 2:19-51

*But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. - Luke 2:19  
And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them.  
And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. - Luke 2:51*

In Luke chapter 2 we have ongoing eye-witness testimonies of the birth and childhood of Jesus. We hear how Mary retells this part of His story, and her response is recorded by Luke saying that, "Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart."

How Mary fought for and defended the truth of God's word to her can be seen by the detailed account she gives 60 years later. She clearly cemented these events into her memory, resulting in slow, supernatural, significant growth by responding to God's word.

Luke uses an agrarian metaphor to describe this growth, by describing God's word as a seed. This metaphor is scattered throughout the Bible and we need to understand it if we want to understand our own spiritual lives. As we understand this metaphor we begin to understand our own lives because spiritual growth can be described in 3 words:

## **Slow, Supernatural, Significant.**

**Slow** - The growth is often slower than we would like, and we need to make war against the opposition to our growth. We need to wrestle, weed and work for the growth.

**Supernatural** - The best this world can offer is buying and selling, but growth when we respond to God's word is supernatural sowing and reaping.

**Significant** - There are people are waiting at the other end of your obedience. When we respond to God's word the fruit is of eternal significance.

In our entertainment economy, we are prone to passivity. We have been conditioned to consume and leave. Whether it's Masterchef experts that can't cook, or political commentators that don't vote. We often live as hotshot Christians on Sunday that go home unchanged the rest of the week.

We have been trained to be an audience but God calls us to be an army.

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So what has God said to you?

How are you going to water, weed and protect the seed?

