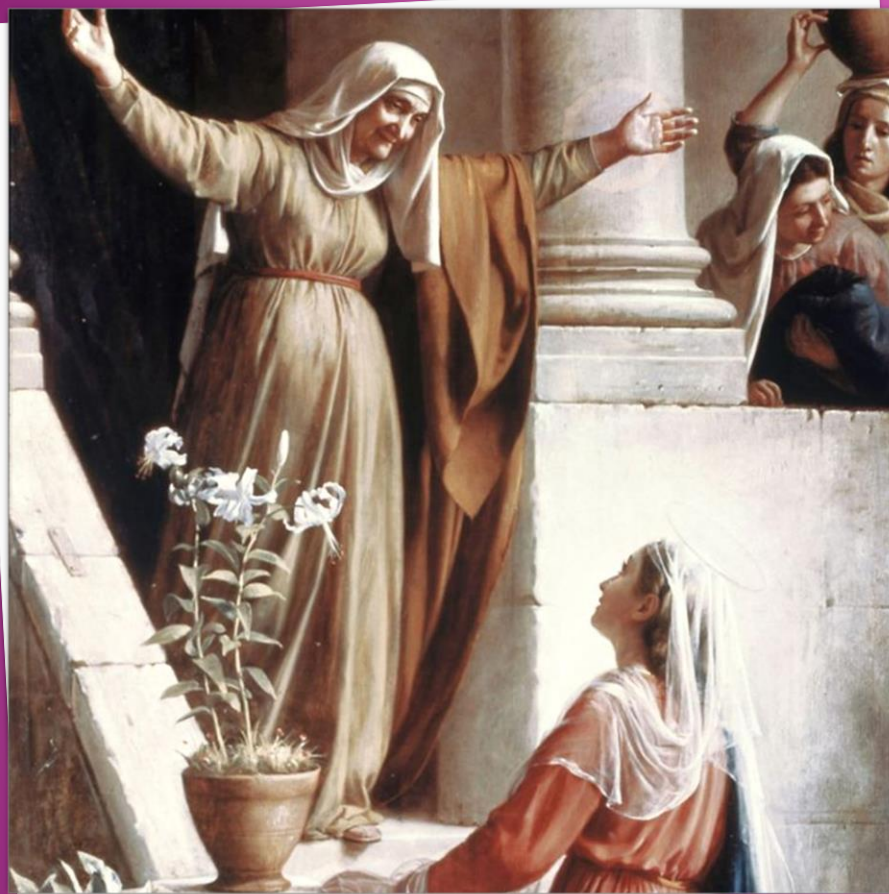




**“And Mary
remained with her
about three
months”**

Luke 1:56



Things to remember
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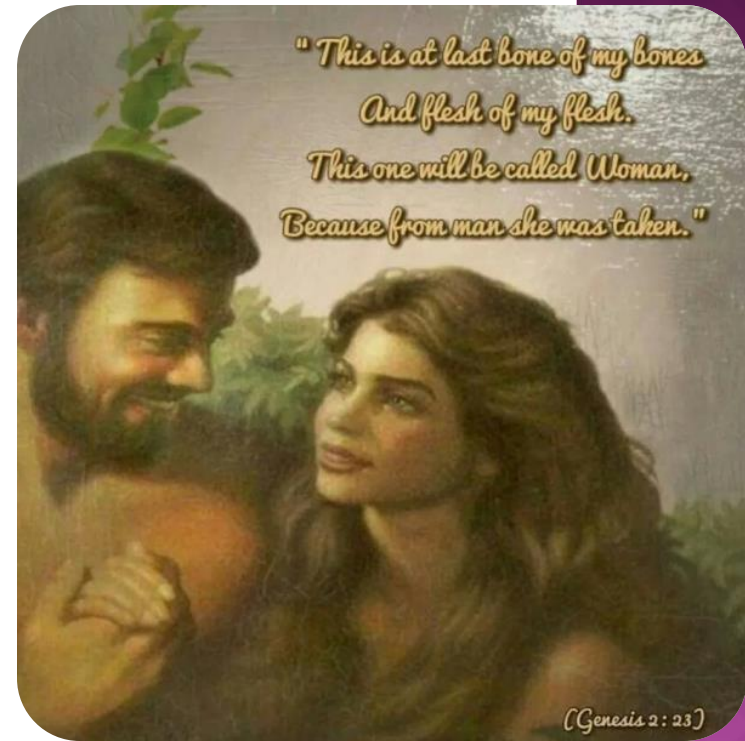
I. A defining characteristic for godliness (1)

- Adam's response when seeing Eve for the first time:

"This is now bone of my bones
And flesh of my flesh"

Genesis 2:23

- David's fight with a bear and a lion to save a sheep



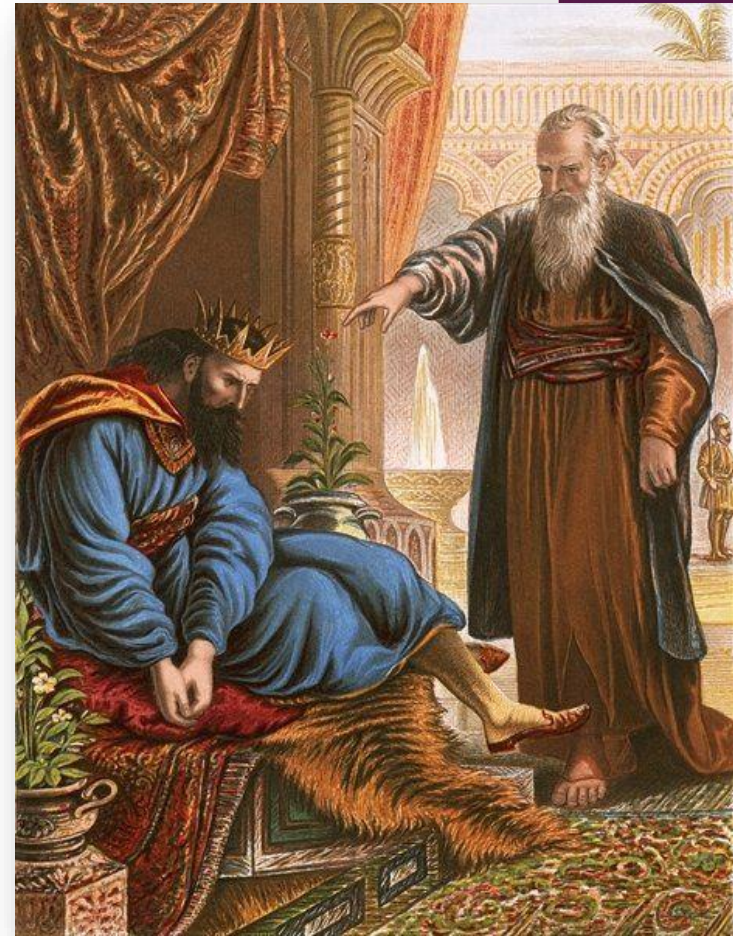
(Genesis 2: 23)

I. A defining characteristic for godliness (1)

- ◉ Adam's response after the Fall:
“The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.”

Genesis 3:12

- ◉ David's sin with Bathsheba and Uriah



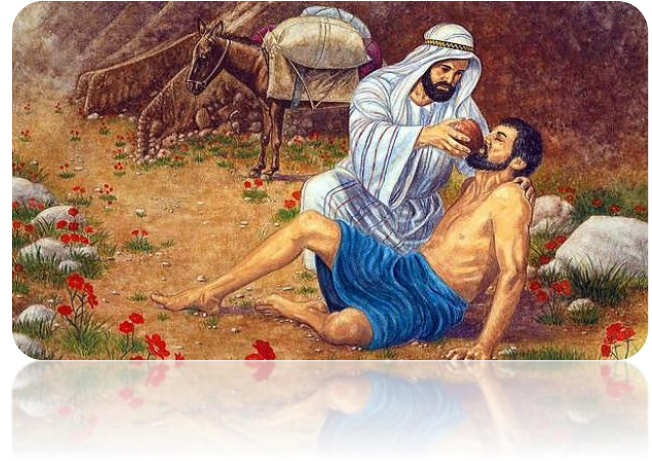
II. It doesn't need an invitation to be displayed (1)

- ◉ St. Mary's reaction to the news about St. Elizabeth's pregnancy and the running out of wine at the wedding of Cana of Galilee
- ◉ Nehemiah's response to the news about the desolation of Jerusalem



II. It doesn't need an invitation to be displayed (2)

- ⦿ Tobias' service in the land of captivity
- ⦿ The Good Samaritan's response when he saw the injured man



III. It's the way to mature ownership (1)

- ⦿ It extends to being responsible for my choices, talents, family, mistakes, and emotions
- ⦿ Unless responsibility is owned towards all of these aspects, change and corrections will not be possible



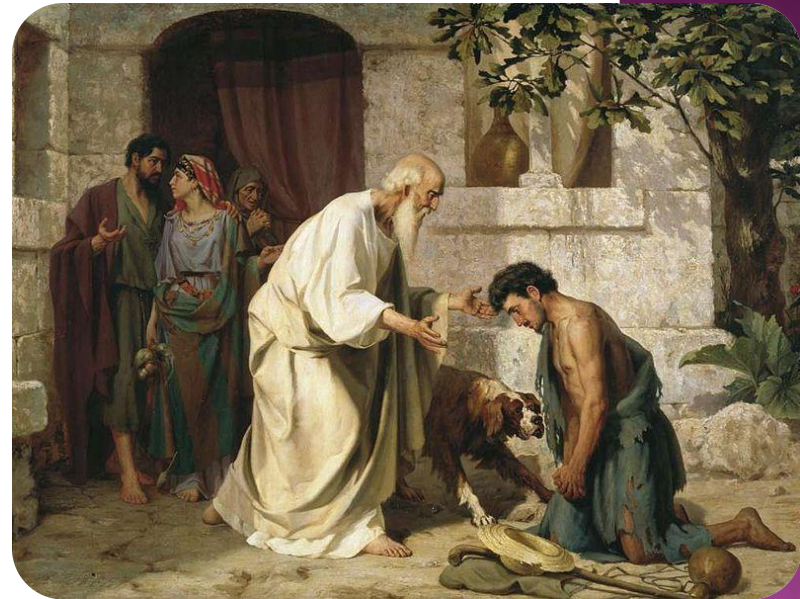
III. It is the way to mature ownership (2)

- ⊙ The Lord's question to the paralytic at the pool of Bethesda: "Do you want to be made well?"
- ⊙ David's response to Shimei's insults: "Let him alone, and let him curse; for so the LORD has ordered him" *2 Samuel 16:11*



III. It is the way to mature ownership (3)

- ◎ The repentance of the lost son:
“I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son’” *Luke 15:18-19*



III. It is the way to mature ownership (3)

Its absence and the life marked by excuses. King Saul's response to Samuel:

“When I saw that the people were scattered from me, and *that* you did not come within the days appointed, and *that* the Philistines gathered together at Michmash, then I said, ‘The Philistines will now come down on me at Gilgal, and I have not made supplication to the Lord.’ Therefore I felt compelled, and offered a burnt offering.” *1 Samuel 13:11-12*



IV. It goes beyond handling a task (1)

- ◉ The sense of responsibility grows from handling a task to serving others
- ◉ It expands from serving a certain aspect of a human life to caring for the person from every side



IV. It goes beyond handling a task (2)

- ◉ The Lord Christ caring about the multitude and feeding them from the five loaves and two fish
- ◉ It develops from an attitude of a godly servant to the ultimate level of fatherhood



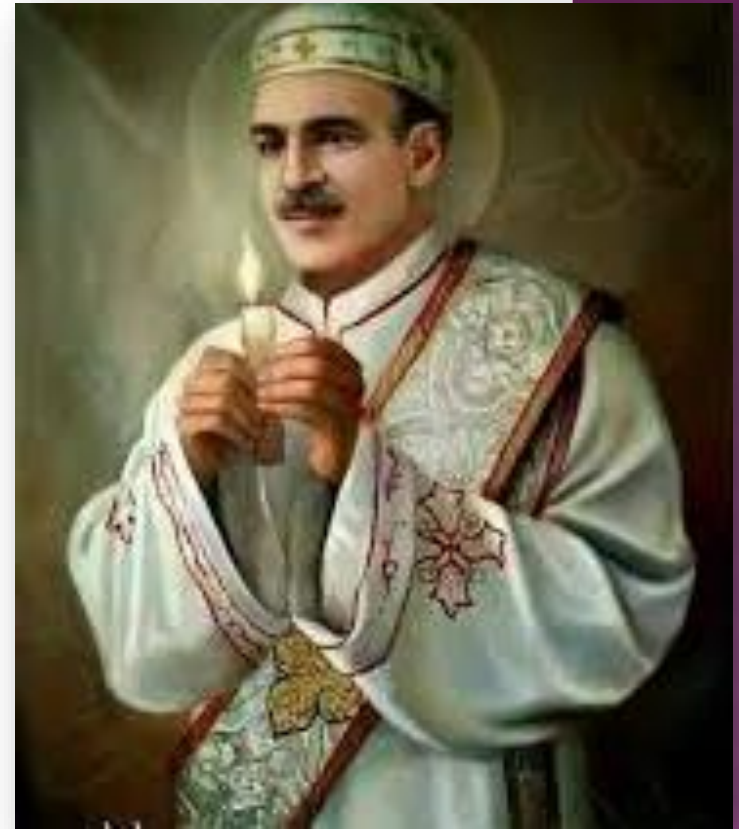
V. It is never dependent on feelings or favorable circumstances (1)

- ◉ St. Mary's trip to meet St. Elizabeth: “Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah” *Luke 1:39*
- ◉ Tobias taking risk with his own life to bury the dead



V. It is never dependent on feelings or favorable circumstances (2)

- ◉ St. Archdeacon Habib Girgis' resilience in establishing the Sunday school movement in the Coptic Church
- ◉ “For if I do this willingly, I have a reward; but if against my will, I have been entrusted with a stewardship” *1 Corinthians 9:16*



VI. Losing it is a way of destruction that can't be fully calculated

- ◉ The sin of Achan and its impact on Israel in their war against Ai
- ◉ Saul's irresponsible leadership to Israel

