

# Window to Wonder

## Lesson 4: From Son to Savior

- 1 I remember when it happened as clearly as if it were yesterday!

[Zach knocking me down playing basketball at the Weathers between his junior and senior year.]



- 2 Life's transitions can be **gloriously hard**. Hard like concrete I busted my backside on. Glorious when kids have surpassed you, better than you, and ready to begin solo flight!

From the moment they begin to reach, scoot, ooch, and crawl away from you, you have begun to turn them loose.

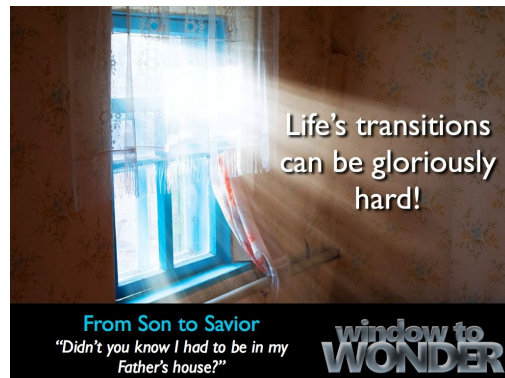
It is not **losing** them, it is **launching** them. Your **life's work** with your kids!



- 3 **Comforting** that Jesus & his **parents** faced similar times that were gloriously hard! Not because he was Messiah, but he was both their child & God's child!

Message for our times of transition — graduations, weddings, showers, moves!

Luke 2:41-52, **esp. 49** — *Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?* begins the **tough transition** from **Son** to **Savior** for Joseph & Mary!



- 4 Jesus' life **framed** by loving **respect** with times of confusion in **between!**

Sound familiar?

Sound like real life? Our life!

Key transition points are hardest!

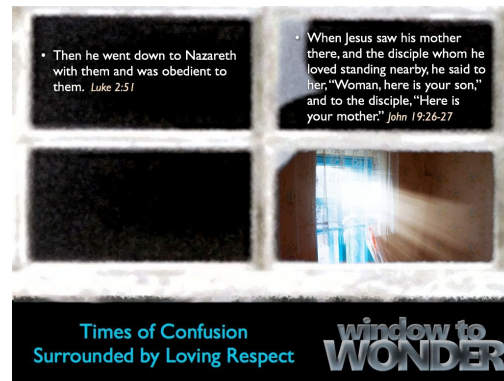


- 5 Jesus goes home & is **obedient** to them ... for **eighteen** years! **Luke 2:51**

**Finishes** his life **caring** for mom in his **worst** moment! **John 19:26-27**

There is **never** a **time** we do not show **love** & **respect** to our parents!

Even when a transition away from them is hard!

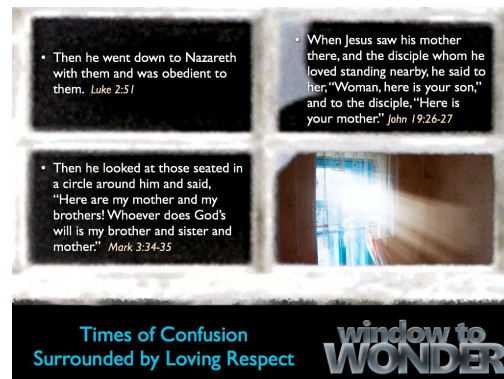


- 6 But while we always try to respect our parents, there is a **higher call** ... for us ... for our kids ... for our parents!

We must build our family hope on something eternal — the only one who can ensure the eternal!

Context & Set Up — **Mark 3:34-35**

Can't begin to **imagine** how **painful** this was to hear! Several others times Jesus says the same thing!



- 7 While we wrestle with the transition from child to adult, Mary had to **wrestle** with the transition from...

- Son to **Savior!**
- Little Boy to Lord

Jesus' brothers & sisters have to transition from...

- Brother to Master

These transitions caused the violent collision of emotions & will!



- 8 Just as Mary is our window of wonder to

- Angels at his birth
- confusion in his ministry
- anguish of watching the cross

She becomes our example of the greatest **transition** of all ...



9 From following **family** to following Jesus!

*Acts 1:12-14* — in **obedience** to Jesus!

They are there, praying the **dawn** of a new day. God's new day! Jesus' day!

And that is what we are praying now for those graduating, marrying, moving on! That Jesus will be your Lord, Savior, guide, & we will share forever family!



10 We do not **know** what the future holds anymore than Mary did when Jesus was born, baptized, crucified, or ascended back to God!

But we point you to the **One who holds** the future, your future, our future together.

And all of us give thanks that God has given us Mary to be a window to the wonder of Jesus and our future with him!

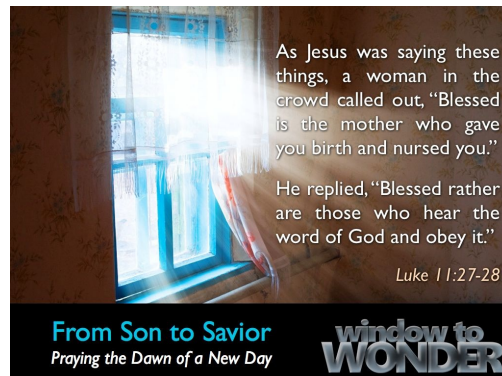


11 As precious, important & blessed as Mary is, God has a **greater blessing** for us that Mary always points us to ... that Mary herself found!

*"Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it!" Luke 11:27-28*

So our **focus** is not on Mary, our transitions, or anyone's leaving, moving, graduating, or marrying! It's on ...

**Jesus**, his words & way, & our following him, with obedience & passion. We do that, all our other stuff works itself out!



12 So what are our action points?

1. Please seek Jesus ... above a career, a spouse, your family, or a religious group. Seek Jesus!
2. Pray for those in transition for Jesus to be real, the Holy Spirit to be powerful, & the Kingdom to come in the lives we send on their way.
3. If you have been apart, or never close to Jesus, come! Come to him, follow him, let him be Lord!

