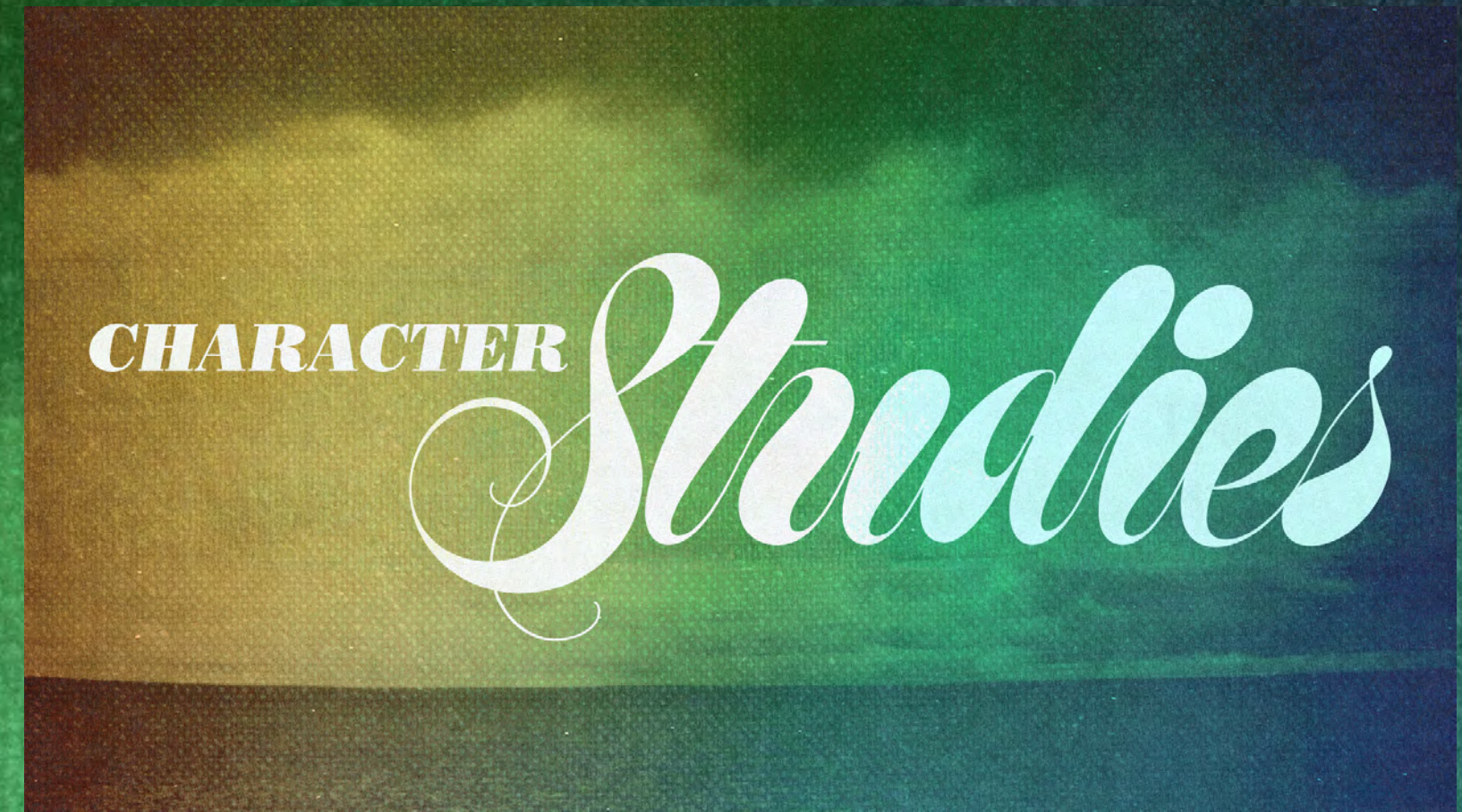




# Character Studies

Week 7

Mary, Mother of Jesus

Senior Teaching Pastor Jim Supp — Reston Bible Church — Sunday, August 23, 2026

...submitting to one another out of reverence  
for Christ.

*Ephesians 5:21 ESV*

**Hypotasso – to arrange under**

Then he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me.” And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.”

*Matthew 26:38-39 ESV*

**“Subjecting one’s self to another is the opposite of self-assertion, the opposite of an independent, autocratic spirit. It is the desire to get along with one another, being satisfied with less than one’s due, a sweet reasonableness of attitude”**

*Wuest’s Word Studies from the Greek New Testament*

**“Submission has nothing to do with the order of authority, but rather governs the operation of authority, how it is given and how it is received...”**

**When Jesus washed their feet, He taught them that the greatest is the person who uses his authority to build up people and not, like the Pharisees, to build up his authority and make himself important...**

**By nature, we want to promote ourselves, but the Holy Spirit enables us to submit ourselves.”**

*The Bible Exposition Commentary*

**RC Cat 2677** – “the All-Holy One.”

**RC Cat 969** – “Therefore the Blessed Virgin is invoked in the Church under the titles of Advocate, Helper, Benefactress, and Mediatrix.”

**For there is one God, and there is one  
mediator between God and men, the man  
Christ Jesus.**

*1 Timothy 2:5 ESV*

# **The Glories Of Mary – 18th Century By Saint Alphonsus De Liguori**

- **St Bernardine of Siena: All obey the commands of Mary, even God himself.**
- **Richard of St. Laurence: For as the power of the Son and mother are the same, the mother by the omnipotent son is made omnipotent.**
- **St John Damascene: addresses Mary – Thou art born to procure the salvation of the whole world.**

# Critical Doctrines Of The Roman Catholic Church

- Immaculate conception of Mary
- Mary was sinless
- Mary was a perpetual virgin
- Mary did not physically die
- Mary is our mediator

...the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O **favoured one**, the Lord is with you!"

But she was greatly **troubled** at the saying,  
and tried to discern what sort of greeting this  
might be. And the angel said to her, “Do not  
be **afraid**, Mary, for you have **found favor with**  
**God.**

**And behold, you will conceive in your womb  
and bear a son, and you shall call his name  
Jesus. He will be great and will be called the  
Son of the Most High.**

And the Lord God will give to him **the throne of his father David**, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

And Mary said to the angel, “**How will this be,** since I am a virgin?” And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will **overshadow** you;

therefore the child to be born will be called  
holy—the Son of God...” And Mary said,  
“Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be  
to me according to your word.” And the angel  
departed from her.

*Luke 1:26-35, 38 ESV*

**Betrothed**

**Favored One**

**Found Favor: charis – grace**

**Greatly Troubled**

**Most High**

**Throne Of His Father David**

**How will this be, since I am a virgin?**

*Luke 1:34 ESV*

**“Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.”**

*Luke 1:38 ESV*

**Servant of the Lord – slave**

**They said to him, “We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father—even God.”**

*John 8:41 ESV*

**In what way is God asking you  
to submit to Him?**

**What cost are you willing to pay for  
humble submission to God?**

**And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he  
has looked on the humble estate of his  
servant. For behold, from now on all  
generations will call me blessed; for he who is  
mighty has done great things for me, and holy  
is his name.”**

*Luke 1:46-49 ESV*