



## Imagine: The Power of Submission

“Wouldn’t it be great if ...?” Fill in the blank: \_\_\_\_\_

- A vision statement is the completion of this sentence: “Wouldn’t it be great if...?”
- How do these “Wouldn’t it be great if...?” things happen? Pray? Network? Work? Organize? Plan? Advertise? Believe? Or, they simply cannot happen?

**Major models of “Wouldn’t it be great if...?” accomplishments:**

**A woman named Mary:**

- Luke 1:26-56:
- God’s message to Mary:
- Mary’s response to God in Luke 1:38:
  
- Bondslave:
- Lord:
- Submission is:
- According to your Word:
- Costly means:

**A Man named Jesus:**

- His submission:
- His cost:
- His accomplishment:

**A man named William Wilberforce:**

**A man named Bono:**

**A child named \_\_\_\_\_:**

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**So What? #1** Listen to God’s Word and God’s Spirit. What specific submission is God calling you to? What will it cost you? \_\_\_\_\_

**So What? #2** Will you pay the price and submit in this way? Yes: \_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_

# Walking Papers

Practical helps for walking with Christ and pursuing God through obedience, reflective living, and community.

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Please take some time each day this week for "spiritual recalibration" by thinking through the following ideas and questions related to having "eternity in our hearts:"

- **Today:** What was the cost to Mary for her submission? Why did she do it? What was the cost to Jesus for His submission? Why did He do it?
- **Monday:** Complete this sentence for your own life and ministry in five ways:
  - Wouldn't it be great if \_\_\_\_\_?
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- **Tuesday:** Have you had past experiences of choosing a costly submission and seeing God accomplish something great? What did you do? What was the cost? What did God accomplish?
- **Wednesday:** How did Mary know what God was calling her to? How did Jesus know what God was calling Him to? How did William Wilberforce know what God was calling him to? How do we know what God might be calling us to?
- **Thursday:** Do you know anyone who has chosen costly submission and seen God accomplish something incredible through them? What did they do, what did it cost them, and what happened as a result?
- **Friday:** List 3 things that you wonder whether God might be calling you to do—specifically, 3 "submissions" or "sacrifices" that He may be calling you to. What would they cost? What might God do as a result?
- **Saturday:** Will you submit – even at great personal cost?
- **Bonus Question:** Does God really use the costly submission of ordinary folks like us for great good or is that just for Bible people and really famous people?