

# UNDER MARY'S MANTLE:

*Advent Part 3: Warrior Mother*

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## *Group Questions*

1. What struck you from this week's episode?
2. How can we invite Mary into our lives as a real person, more than just a statue in our church or a figure of piety in the Bible?
3. What does it look like for women to wield their swords? What does it look like for women to fight for those that they love using the feminine genius and avoiding bitterness and manipulation?
4. Where has the enemy distracted you with a small battle that has pulled your attention and intention away from what the Lord has for you?

## *Lectio Divina*

"...This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too." - Luke 2: 25-35

## *Journal Questions*

1. How do you need Mary to fight for you? What attack from the serpent do you want her to crush? What snare do you want her to free you from? What knot do you want her to untie?
2. What struggle in your life have you resigned to just "tough it out" instead of opening to restoration? How is God inviting you to grow in surrender, vulnerability and strength through laying down resignation, grasping, and control?
3. Take some time in prayer to invite Mary's protection and defense from the enemy.

## *Quote to Ponder*

"One instant in a still light, He saw Our Lady then, Her dress was soft as western sky, And she was queen most womanly—But she was queen of men. Over the iron forest He saw Our Lady stand; Her eyes were sad withouten art, And seven swords were in her heart—But one was in her hand." - G.K. Chesterton, The Ballad of the White Horse

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