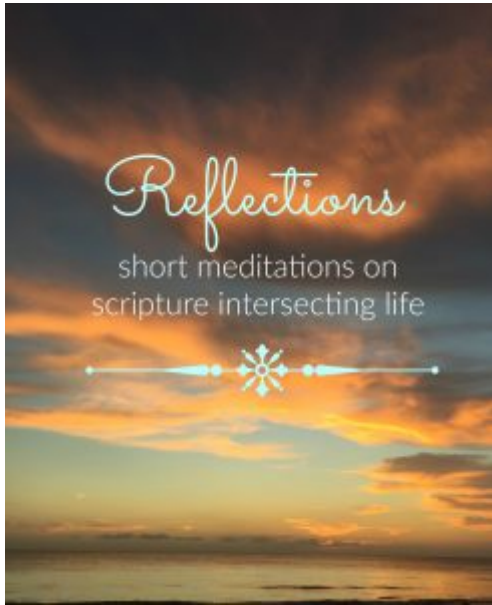


# Reflections #8: Messy Middle



*Thank you for joining us for Reflections, short meditations on scripture intersecting life.*

*"I have set my face like a stone determined to do His will."  
Isaiah 50:7*

## Show Notes

When I am starting something new, there's the excitement and freshness of this new thing. Perhaps I've been thinking of it, dreaming of it, praying for it for a long time. I bring energy, zest, and enthusiasm to the table. I've researched and planned and am ready to go.

And then when I'm nearing the finish line of said dream or project, I receive a fresh burst of energy because the end is in sight. I've almost reached my goal.

But it's in the messy middle that dreams fade, marriages fail, jobs lose their luster, and parenting seems not quite so fun.

**"It's in the messy middle that we must "set our faces like a stone and determine to do His will."**

If you're in the middle of a messy middle, take heart. Mary and Joseph had to deal with them in their lives too. Join me on this short podcast today to reflect upon messy middles and how we can persevere through them. And remember,

[Messy middles lead to enduring endings if we persevere.](#)



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May your soul's meditations be fuel for Spirit-led actions today.

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