



APC Advent Devotional – December 23rd, 2020

When obedience is bold

Today's Scripture: Luke 1:26-38 (NIV)

With God everything is possible. In these verses we are told the story of Mary and how she came to know she would give birth to the Son of God. Personally, I would freak out. My rational self would refuse to comprehend, and all the known laws of biology and physics would tell me I'm right.

But this is not about understanding the how and the why. It's about **humbleness, faith and boldness**. In her way, Mary is a perfect example of the three. She is told she will carry a child before being wed in a culture where to be found pregnant before marriage could mean being murdered for adultery.

It amazes me how she demonstrates, in a few words, so much humbleness, faith and boldness, surrendering her will, her plans to God's, trusting in the way Paul describes in Phil. 1:6, then casting aside all that people expect of her. "I am the Lord's servant."

It makes me wonder how many times a day, instead of trying to fit my life and my actions into God's word, I try to adapt God's word into my life and my actions. It is convenient and easy, because I'm too busy trying to fit into people's, instead of God's, expectations.

In this Advent season, just like Mary did, let's listen to God's word and **surrender our will**. Let's listen to God's word and have faith He will see his good work to completion. Let's listen to God's word and be bold enough to leave the comfort of our well-organized, planned life, to step out of the boat. Who knows, a miracle might just happen!

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