

Advent: 11th Dec - A passionate belief in youth



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The story continues...

'Your relative Elizabeth is also going to have a son, even though she is old. No one thought she could ever have a baby, but in three months she will have a son. Nothing is impossible for God!' Mary said, 'I am the Lord's servant! Let it happen as you have said.' And the angel left her. (Luke 1: 36-38)

Reflection

Few people respond as Mary does. Even after seeing angels many of us would still question God. I don't judge Zechariah for doubting or questioning. A man who has seen much of life and known disappointment and remained so faithful to God does not deserve my criticism.

However Mary's simple response does touch me deeply. Perhaps this is the simplicity of youth, immediate, passionate, and believing. My children's recently retired head teacher commanded great respect and devotion from the children of his school. What struck me about him was his passionate belief in youth. He would not let anyone belittle young people. He reminded me of Paul writing to his young friend Timothy saying don't let anyone look down on you because you are young.

Action

What was/is your favourite childhood story? Remind yourself of why you loved it. You might even want to read it again.

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