

For the week of December 18, 2016
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All Is Possible

Advent

Luke 1:26-38

On the one hand, the angel Gabriel told Mary that “nothing will be impossible with God.” On the other hand, an old man told her that “a sword will pierce through your own soul.” If we carry the Son of God in our hearts, awesome and awful things will happen. What do we do with that?

Discussion Questions:

1. Do you feel favored by God? Why or why not? (Note that God doesn't just favor Mary; he favors everyone.)
2. The angel Gabriel appears to Mary and says, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you.” How do you think you would react to such an appearance and such a greeting?
3. Mary tried to discern what God wanted of her. Do you think you're inclined to try to understand what God wants of you? Why or why not?
4. How do you think this story—indeed, the entire biblical story—helps us to emulate Mary by offering ourselves to God as his servants?