

UNDER MARY'S MANTLE:

Advent Part 1: Mary's Fiat

SEASON 8 EP. 12

Group Questions

1. What struck you from this week's episode?
2. What are some areas in your life that you grasp for control where God is inviting you to surrender in trust?
3. Even if you have accepted Jesus into your life, where are there still blocks to your openness and receptivity to Him? What are the situations or wounds in your life where you have not allowed Jesus to love you fully?
4. Where is Mary inviting you to seek healing in or from distorted motherhood? Where is Jesus inviting you to seek healing from distorted masculinity?

Lectio Divina

"...Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." - Luke 1:26-38

Journal Questions

1. What aspect of God's character are you being invited to encounter this Advent, so that you can begin to trust like Mary?
2. What decisions in life do you think your 'yes' or 'no' is motivated primarily by: fear, trying to avoid suffering, avoiding intimacy, or avoiding abandonment and disappointment? How can Mary mother you there and bring you to Jesus for healing? What decision in life is your 'yes' or 'no' motivated primarily by love, self gift, and truth?
3. What does true life-giving motherhood look like in your life?
4. How did Sister Miriam's prayer during this week's episode impact you? Is there anything you need to bring to Jesus from this time of prayer?

Quote to Ponder

"It was that the knot of Eve's disobedience was loosed by the obedience of Mary. For what the Virgin Eve had bound fast through unbelief, this did the Virgin Mary set free through faith." - St. Irenaeus

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