

A Christmas Confrontation

Luke 1: 26-37

God confronted Mary with His Will for her life. She could have reacted in one of several ways when the angel Gabriel said she was going to have a baby - a supernaturally conceived baby out of wedlock:

1st Reaction

I To try and sidestep God's Will by raising some logical questions and giving spiritual excuses

Q (1) What will my friends say and my family? After all, is it right to alienate my friends & family over God's will where it's such a far-out request and such a heavy assignment

Q (2) What will Joseph my betrotthed say? How can I convince him that I'm having a supernaturally conceived baby? Besides, the betrotthal is announced it would embarrass him

Confrontation

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Will it show up in both
of them over time. It will not
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2/ 3. I'll tell you what, Gabriel your
honor, I'm really not cut out for this
great role in God's Plan. I don't feel
worthy to be the mother of the Son of
the Most High, as you call him. What
about my friend Sara? I think
she's your woman - a really dedicated
gifted woman - why don't you
ask her - I'm sure she'd be delighted

You see, it was very clear that
God was asking Mary to be different,
to carry out a difficult role, a role
that would affect her entire life

Mary could have resisted
God's Will for her life - and
run from it like Jonah did -
Or distorted God's Will
like Saul did 1 Sam. 15 rebellion

Doing God's Will often means
standing against the crowd and
the culture - it can be very difficult.
It certainly was for Mary.

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3] Mary said yes & Joseph did reject her story - it took an angel to convince him of Mary's innocence.
Not only that, Her wonderful Son was a source of embarrassment to her. e.g. Nazareth visit -
"all in the synagogue were filled with rage" & tried to throw him off a cliff (Lu. 4:28-29)

And his own half brothers did not believe in him (Jo. 7:5)

Finally, she watched this Son, this Son of miraculous Conception & Great Promise she watched him die a cruel death by crucifixion on a Roman cross.

But, if you had been able to ask her after it was all over & Christ had risen from the dead, the H.S. had descended & she understood the real meaning.

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4) of the Incarnation Mary, are you sorry you said 'yes' to God's will for your life over 33 years ago?

Mary would undoubtedly say No, absolutely not! I'm so thankful God gave me the great privilege to be a part of His Plan"

2nd reaction

II Mary could have said "yes" to God's will and then arranged to make His promise come about in the flesh.

Having been chosen to have this Special Baby she could have approached Joseph and told him that they'd better get married quickly and have the Baby God had promised to send. That's what Sarah did when she had Hagar her maid, go into Abraham & have a baby.

3) That baby Ishmael was not the 'child of promise' & Sarah caused all sorts of disruption in her own home by resorting to this fleshly way.

Mary would have ruined her position of privilege as the Virgin who would conceive (Osa. 9:6)

We found out in Gal. 5 that it is very important to stand in God's Grace & not try to perform for God in our flesh

3rd reaction

III Mary's reaction was perfect - just what the Lord wants from each one of us "Behold the handslave of the Lord, be it done to me according to your word" Luke 1:38

6] Mary perfectly practiced the two aspects of faith:

① She believed the truth of God's Word.

② She made herself available trusting God to perform His will in her life.

It is the (Rom. 12:1) presenting the members of your body to Christ, (Rom. 8:4) trusting the U.S. to perform God's will ~~the~~ in your life.

Mary is counted as Blessed among women for her perfect Response to God's Will for her life.

I encourage you to follow her example & react in the 3rd Way.