

DEVOTED TO THE KING

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ADVENT MEDITATION: LOVE

Romans 8:38-39—*For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

1 John 4:16—*And so we know and rely on the love God has for us...*

John 13:34-35—*A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.*

WHAT DEVOTION LOOKS LIKE

Luke 1:28-29—*The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.*

BE DEVOTED: 3 APPLICATIONS

- > God has given you an assignment.
- > God's promise is for you and me, too.
- > God wants us to advance during adversity and anxiety.

BE DEVOTED: 5 ACTION STEPS

1. Trust when troubled.

Luke 1:29—*Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.*

Luke 1:46-55—*And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name...*

2. Focus on faith over fear.

Luke 1:30—But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God.”

3. Obsess over the mission, not the obstacles.

Luke 1:31-34—“You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.” “How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

4. Reaffirm God’s presence.

Luke 1:35-37—The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail.”

5. Demonstrate devotion over indecision.

Luke 1:38—“I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.

Luke 1:45—Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!



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STUDY GUIDE: 12/15/24

Begin your group with prayer. Have one or two people share a testimony from their week. Keep it positive and reflect on the good things God has done.

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read Luke 1:29. How does Mary demonstrate having trust in God over her troubles?
2. Read Luke 1:30. What does it mean to focus on our faith over our fear?
3. Read Luke 1:31-34. There were a lot of obstacles in Mary's story. How was she able to focus on the mission given to her instead of those obstacles?
4. Read Luke 1:35-37. Why is it important to reaffirm God's presence in our lives? How do we do that?
5. Read Luke 1:38. How does Mary demonstrate her devotion to God over her indecision about her circumstances?