



Episode 6: Can We Still Say 'Yes'

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered.

"May your word to me be fulfilled."

Then the angel left her."

{ Luke 1:38 }

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A few days ago I saw a message on the internet which says, "Churches are not closed. Buildings are being closed. You are not closed! You are to remain open!"

Being a disciple is not a hobby. It's not something we do when it's convenient, when the conditions are right for it. It's not like playing golf. In the midst of all this chaos and uncertainty, with our anxiety, we're still called to say yes, as Mary did.

We celebrate the feast of her great "Yes" today, the beginning of the incarnation. What if she had not said yes? What if she had said, "Today isn't a good time, I'm in the middle of planning a wedding," or "We're in the middle of a Roman occupation." Maybe it's never a good time, but the call is always to faithfully say yes as Mary did.

My hope and prayer is that we will find a way to still courageously be Christ bearers in this world. In the midst of this pandemic and the restrictions on the way we can connect with each other, we need to dig deep, be creative and say I am the handmaid of the Lord, be it done to me according to your word.

Hail Mary,
the Lord is with thee
You are most blessed,
Our Lady full of Grace
For you bore for us,
our blessed Jesus
Fruit of your body
as God became a man

Ave, ave, ave Maria
Ave, ave, ave Maria

Hail Mary,
the Lord is with thee
You are most blessed,
Our Lady full of Grace
And so we ask you,
O holy Mary
Intercede for us
now and at our death

Hail Mary

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Although there are many things right now we must say "no" to,
where can you say "yes" to God in this time?