



Daily Reflections

December 12, 2017

Scripture

Luke 1: 39-47

Mary set out
and traveled to the hill country in haste
to a town of Judah,
where she entered the house of Zechariah
and greeted Elizabeth.
When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting,
the infant leaped in her womb,
and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,
cried out in a loud voice and said,
"Most blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.
And how does this happen to me,
that the mother of my Lord should come to me?
For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears,
the infant in my womb leaped for joy.
Blessed are you who believed
that what was spoken to you by the Lord
would be fulfilled."
And Mary said:
"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my savior."

Our Scripture Reflection

Upon hearing the incredible news about her conception of Our Savior, Mary makes a beeline through some very tough terrain in order to share the Good News with her cousin, Elizabeth. There seems to be so much bad and sad news especially during this special time of the year. What Good News do you have to share with one person today? Can't think of anything? Try this question: What one blessing have you received today and for which you are grateful that you could humbly share?

Food for your Journey

A story is told of a pagan who asked a rabbi, "Why did God speak to Moses from the thorn bush?" For the pagan thought God should have spoken instead in a peal of thunder on the peak of some majestic mountain. The rabbi answered, "To teach you that there is no place on Earth where God's glory is not, not even in a humble thorn bush."

-- Ken Gire,

Windows of the Soul

(Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1996), 44.

Do we really believe that "there is no time, no place, no event so earthly that God cannot be there, speaking through them"? These moments where Earth is crammed with heaven, these Bethlehem moments where something divine is birthed through very human wombs, will go unnoticed unless we realize the meek and unassuming way that God characteristically comes.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Our world can be such a cynical and harsh place at times, even during the holy season of Advent. Help me to buck the trend today, Lord. May I recount one of the blessings You have given me this day and share it with someone I love. Amen.