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Luke 1:26-38
Advent Devotional
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In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come

upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.”

Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

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The Advent Season places Christmas into a larger understanding of the Coming or Advent of Christ, which includes the First and Second Coming of Christ. We have a God who has interrupted human history once and will do it again.

What an infectious joy it is to think about our God coming so unexpectedly as a baby. Every baby, especially those born in refugee camps or to poor parents, can make us think of the great wonder of His Coming like that. Jesus said at his trial that he would come again in “clouds of glory.” Babies certainly have one kind of glory, but what is the kind of glory Jesus will have when He comes again? Will it be like “one of the least of these?” Let us prepare every day for his Second Great Interruption by pondering and acting to meet the needs of the unexpected “least of these.”

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