

## December 4

Character: Mary (Song) -Be Born In Me

Setting: Our Scripture passage yesterday ended with Mary humbly responding to the message the angel Gabriel delivered to her about the plan God had for her life. Her response was simply "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come to pass." We are not told about the fears or questions Mary may have had. We know that she believed and trusted God. We know she was willing to go where God was leading her. But, we also know that following God's call in our lives can produce a natural response of both trust and trepidation. That's what we see in our song today. It's a lovely image of a willing heart submitted to God, but its also a realistic image of a dance where trust and trepidation meet and flow together beautifully.

Application: God sent an angel to tell Mary His plan for her life. Most of us will never have an interaction with an angel explaining His will for our lives. But, we do have the Word of God, faithful Christian pastors and friends, and the power of prayer. All of these are resources to help us understand God's will for our lives. Use your advent journal today to find some verses in the Bible that are very clear instructions about how God intends for His children to live their lives. Discuss how knowing some of the main things God wants for His children can help us understand how to decide on matters that aren't specifically addressed in the Bible.

Prayer:

Thank God for His perfect plan for your lives. Confess any fears, anxieties or areas of your life where your fear seems stronger than your faith. Ask God to replace your fears with courage, and your anxieties with trust. Cast your cares on Him, and rest in His love for you.