

God's Will be Done!

Even though we have said it or heard it said many times that “every disappointment is a blessing.” Sometimes it becomes difficult for us to see the blessings in the disappointments of our lives. When we see the hand of God in everything that happens to us, we can see his blessings and accept his will in our lives. It is an act of faith to accept the will of God in our lives. On this last Sunday before Christmas, the readings present to us two great characters in our salvation history, David, the greatest king of Israel, and Mary, the Mother of God. Both of them were exemplary in accepting the will of God and saying yes to it.

In the first reading, we read about the plan of King David to build a temple for God, which was not God's plan. God spoke to David through Prophet Nathan and told him that he has another plan. God's plan was that his son Solomon would be the one that will build the temple. David humbly accepted God's will and praised God for his mercy and love. Similarly, Luke's Gospel we read today tells us the story of the annunciation of the birth of Jesus. Mary, said yes to God's plan and said, “Let it be done to me according to your will.”

We may not be privileged for God to speak to us directly through the prophet as in the case of David or speak to us through an angel as in the case of Mary. However, God still speaks to us in different ways. He speaks to us through one another, through the scripture, and in the events in our lives. Recognizing the presence of God in these areas and events of our lives helps us to discern and accept God's will. God is the one that strengthens us as St. Paul reminds us in the second reading. As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, let the blessings of this season help us to continue to see the hand of God in our lives and be able to say like Mary always, “*Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it done to me according to your word.*” (Luke 1:38).