

very loving arms. Say, 'Yes' and let Jesus make the impossible, possible.

If I don't say 'Yes' to Jesus, where does that leave me?

I'm glad that Jesus is real, he has been born my brother, I haven't missed him. 'Yes, Jesus, I'm ready, come and fill my life with your living presence. Come and fill me with your supernatural love that it flows naturally.' 'Yes, Jesus, come and make the impossible, possible today, this coming year'.

I guess I could say 'No' so I don't look stupid, or I could say 'Yes' to

Jesus and go for it; living out that conversational relationship of love and affection that Jesus birthed.

This year, I'm volunteering, I'm saying 'Yes' to Jesus, and it feels exciting. I hope and pray you give a resounding 'Yes' to Jesus, and enjoy celebrating life with him, today, tomorrow, forever. 'Yes Jesus, I'm here, let's talk, let's walk boldly into life.' 'Yes, Jesus, I want to join you in your adventure of life, and bring glory, honour and praise to Dad.'

Christ Church Lutheran

Worship Times - 9.00am & 10.45am
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Jesus' disciples multiplying disciples

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SAY YES!

Luke 2:38



"Mary responded, 'I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true.' (Luke 2:38)"

When I was going to primary school the word in the school yard was; don't volunteer for anything. I don't know why that stuck in my brain, but it did. I would never volunteer. The underlying thought, though never expressed was, only the nerds volunteer. So I never volunteered.

Who do you think missed out on heaps and heaps of opportunities? Was it me or those thought to be nerds? Obviously it was me. I had been sucked in by a lie.

So I loved the conversation between the Wiseman and the Inn-keeper we had in the skit. The Inn-keeper asked the Wiseman;

'How did this all happen?'

Do you remember his response?

The Wiseman's response was: 'She said Yes. She said Yes, and the impossible became possible.'

Mary said yes, and the impossible became possible. I love that thought. I'm seeking to replace, 'never volunteer' with 'Say YES!' Say yes to Jesus. Say yes to the Spirit's leads, promptings, images, thoughts, words. Say yes!

This, never volunteering, would have to be one of my regrets in life. Who knows what I've missed out on, what wonderful adventure, what joys, what amazing times with Jesus I've missed out on, because I had the

attitude of not saying yes.

The Inn-keeper responded to the Wiseman with; 'To think I almost mist this.' 'Don't miss this.' Mary said yes; and the impossible became possible.

What invitations is Jesus placing on your heart at the present time? Without a shadow of doubt Jesus is seeking to speak with you, to share his life with you; intimately, personally, in a conversational relationship of love and affection.

This is the whole point of Christmas; God has come in person, so that we can be living out this intimate, conversational relationship of love and affection. But nothing happens unless I say 'YES'.

Without a shadow of a doubt Jesus is there, ready, willing and able to be living out this relationship. He's born for this moment. He's born for this.	I was saying 'No' to all the wrong things.	coming year; to be open to his voice, to be responsive to his call, to be aware of his promptings. Jesus is ready, willing and able to send the Spirit, so that your life with him is much, much, more than a theory.	What joys do you have right now? Invite Jesus in, and celebrate with him, rejoice with him. Say, 'Yes, Jesus, come and celebrate with us today as we feast with family and friends'. Say, 'Yes, Jesus, come and rejoice with me in the good things you have blessed me with.' 'Yes, Jesus, I volunteer all I have to spread the joy of life with you.'	people; he loved, he sacrificed, he cried, he celebrated, he volunteered his life that we might have life.	naturally, his supernatural loving character.
What are you saying?	So now I'm learning to say 'No' to the thought that I'm too busy for God, and 'Yes, let's talk'. I'm learning to say 'No' to other people's pressure that say's I'm stupid for expecting Jesus to	Jesus birth isn't a theory; it is reality. A very real down-to-earth reality, because that's where Jesus wants to be living life with you, this coming year, right now.	I regret having lived a slave to fear; the fear of looking stupid to other kids; so I missed Jesus. The devil's lie robbed me of so much, so much vitality and life that Jesus had on offer. Jesus volunteered his life; born my brother, died rather than deny me, ascended into heaven so I might know without a shadow of doubt that I'm on God's heart right now.	The Good News is that Jesus was always there calling, prompting, growing, maturing me. Always there volunteering his time and energy to live out that wonderful	I think Jesus has come to make the impossible, possible.
I wouldn't volunteer for anything because I didn't want other kids to think I was a nerd. Talk about a complete nerd! What did I miss out on as I worshipped other children's acceptance?	speak into my down-to-earth, everyday life,	reality, because that's where Jesus wants to be living life with you, this coming year, right now.	I regret having lived a slave to fear; the fear of looking stupid to other kids; so I missed Jesus. The devil's lie robbed me of so much, so much vitality and life that Jesus had on offer. Jesus volunteered his life; born my brother, died rather than deny me, ascended into heaven so I might know without a shadow of doubt that I'm on God's heart right now. What have you missed? Of course the Good New is that Jesus isn't a slave to fear. Jesus wasn't worried about looking foolish to other	'Yes Jesus, I volunteer, send me!' conversational relationship of love and affection that he birthed. I'm not here today to remember a past event, I'm here today because I don't want to miss Jesus. I don't want to miss his voice in my life. I don't want to miss his promptings. I don't want to miss the people he brings across my path. I don't want to miss Jesus as he comes in the everyday down-to-earth life he has blessed me with, so that I can live out quit	Today he's inviting you to join Mary and say; 'Yes'. 'Yes, Jesus, I'm yours, I want to be living that intimate relationship you have birthed.' 'Yes, Jesus, I want to be living personally with you, experiencing your presence in my life. I want more, much, much, more than a theory.' 'Yes, Jesus, I want the reality of you in my life.' 'Yes, Jesus, I want the reality of being in your life.' If I don't say 'Yes' where does that leave me? I hate the thought. Mary said; 'Yes', and the impossible became possible. Jesus is inviting you to say 'Yes' to him today, inviting him to be real, to embrace you in his
No wonder Jesus reminds me not to worship any other 'gods', they rob you of life. They got my focus in all the wrong places. I was saying 'NO' all the time.	I was saying 'NO' all the time.	What's weighing you down right now? Invite Jesus in, and listen. Say, 'Yes, Jesus, I give you permission to reign here in my life.' 'Yes, Jesus, I want to be doing it your way.'			
How well does that work in a relationship; 'No, I don't have the time to talk with you right now'. 'No, I'm too scared of what other's might think'. 'No, I'm not listening to you, I'm doing my own thing'. For so long	and 'Yes, Jesus, I'm listening'. 'Jesus speak!' 'Yes Jesus, send the Spirit and open my heart and soul to you.'	What relationship strains do you have right now? Invite Jesus in; 'Yes, I know I'm holding unforgiveness toward that person, forgive me, help me to volunteer forgiveness to them.' 'Yes, Jesus, I need you to soften my heart; I invite you in.'			
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	What is Jesus saying to you right now? Why wouldn't it be Jesus? Don't miss him.				
	Jesus is inviting you to be part of his life this				