

Unlikely Heroes

Mary- Unlikely Humility

Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:26-38

1. Unlikely heroes surrender their life and reputation for God’s purposes. They humbly say yes to His request.

Luke 1:46-49; Luke 2:34-35

2. Unlikely heroes accept the bitter-sweet experience of God’s plan. They humbly acknowledge that with joy comes sorrow. *John 2:1-5*

Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time;
enjoying one moment at a time;
accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
taking, as He did, this sinful world
as it is, not as I would have it;
trusting that He will make all things right
if I surrender to His Will;
that I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with Him forever in the next.
Amen.

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3. Unlikely heroes expect God to accomplish His will. They humbly do whatever He tells them. *John 2:6-11*

Next Week’s Reading Guide:

- Zechariah 9:9-17, Matthew 23:37-39
- Zephaniah 3:14-17, Luke 18:31-34
- John 11:45-57
- Matthew 16:21-28
- Matthew 20:17-28
- Matthew 21:1-11
- Mark 11:1-11

Discussion Questions:

1. How has your reputation been affected by surrendering to God’s purposes? Share.
2. How has surrendering to God’s plan been bitter-sweet to you? Is it helpful to know that its normal to experience sorrow when you participate with God’s plan? Share.
3. Share a time when you humbly did what you believed God told you to do. How was Christ glorified?
4. Is your life surrendered to God for His plan, to the glory of Christ, so people may believe? Share.