

## WALKING WITH JESUS, NO WORRIES

John 1:6-8

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I've said before that I would like to have one hakuna matata day. You probably remember that phrase from the movie *Lion King*. In the movie, hakuna matata means no worries. Everyday life is full of stress. The Christmas season tends to have even more worries and stresses. We desire to walk with Jesus daily but as we prepare to celebrate His birth we get distracted by the world. We can feel extremely overwhelmed, very quickly.

I imagine Mary felt extremely overwhelmed, very quickly when Gabrielle spoke 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." This does not seem to be a hakuna matata day for Mary. She probably had a dozen questions yet the first question out of her mouth is, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said, "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." (Luke 1:30-35 NRSV)

I would like to think I would have responded in faith if I had been Mary, but I think I may have asked, say what, can you run that by me again? But Mary's faith does not waiver. It is as if she is thinking hakuna matata. She answers Gabrielle with, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." We can have the confident faith that Mary had to know that nothing is impossible with God no matter how overwhelmed we are. The stress of life does not have to divert us from our walk with Christ. Every day can be a hakuna matata day when we put our faith fully in Jesus.

**Prayer:** Our Heavenly Father, you know we too often stress and worry about life. Forgive us for doubting You. We know that truly all things are possible with You. Today, and throughout the year we need to have the confident faith of Mary and be found doing your will with a peaceful and loving servant's heart. Amen.

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