## Advent Calendar: Day 17

The reflections for this week are centered around the readings for this Sunday's texts 1 Samuel 2:1-10, Romans 12:9-16b, Luke 1:39-57

## **Romans 12:9**

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; Love one another with mutual affection

Love waits behind the silence of prayer for my yes to a deepening capacity to love. Every love informs a greater love. Every lesser love is a forerunner of the great Love, sensed but never seen, to whom Mary once said yes.

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God saw the world falling into ruin because of fear and immediately called it back to love.

\*Peter Chrysologus\*\*