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I believe our Mother, Mary of Nazareth lived her faith. She trusted and surrendered her life to God especially after the annunciation, living in complete faith. Yes she believes in Him in the almighty. Here, I would like to speak on our blessed mother as a believer.

Respected father and my dear brothers, here I would like to draw your attention to our mother and her tremendous belief in God. I believe that Mary really was a wonderful handmaid of the Lord. She was always faithful to the lord and she formed her behavior according to the plan of God. In Holy gospel according to St. Luke chapter 1 verse 38 we read like this “here am I, the servant of the lord let, it be with me according to your word.”

Mary truly believed in the message of the lord. It is too hard to believe in the message of God. We have hominy examples before us, let me draw to you some of them, in the book of Genesis we see, when the messengers came and said to Abraham that your wife Sara would have a son. But there we notice the expression of Sara when she heard from the messengers, she just laughed and ignored at the possible miracle of God. Similarly to this we see in the life of Zechariah, when angel Gabriel appeared before him and said that your wife Elizabeth would have a child and these words were very difficult to accept for him. And Zechariah asked the angel Gabriel for a sign. He too had little conviction and doubt in the message of God. And interestingly here Zechariah says I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years. Indeed it was hard for him to believe and accept the miracle of God. He never thought that the one who is above him and who can do impossible things. He was limiting the power of God within and with her. He asked for sign in order to believe in God, but we can see the sign was to be a mute man.

Mary is a best example before us; she never was shown weariness in her faith in God especially when the angel appeared to her and said to Mary you shall conceive in your womb a son. She never denied or doubted in the possible plan of God. Instead our mother said let it be with me according to your word. It is common for us that when we take any serious choice it is usual that we see objection from the family, relatives and from the society. But we see that our bl. Mother’s humility. She accepted the plan of God which was very serious and without foreseeing the consequences from the family, society and even from the side of Joseph whom she about to marry. What caused her to accept the word, the only one reason is that she believed, she

trusted in the plan of God. For God nothing is impossible. And second reason is, she loved us, cared us, how she expressed motherly love for all humanity especially for you and for me. That is by saying three alphabets 'yes'.

I would like to share two more incidents where in our mother expressed her harden trust in God. The first incident which I can put before you the wedding feast at Cana, where in our bl. Mother believed in his son Jesus and she said to Jesus 'they have no wine, but Jesus said to his mother 'women, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come. Naturally these words could make sadness and discouragement for any mother, but Mary never felt sad or doubted him instead she trusted in her son Jesus and said mother to the servants to do whatever he tells you. And the last example which I can give you now is from the holy gospel of St. John chapter 19 words 25 we read that standing near the cross of Jesus was his mother. As we know that any mother is happy to see their son's pain and suffering. But here our bl. Mother never complained neither criticized God by saying why it happened to my son? She believed in the words of God and understood the deeper meaning of his plan.

Dear brothers we are lucky to have our blessed mother for us and for this universe. We could say that our mother was a greater believer in God. Let us ask ourselves that are believed in the lord? Are believing in holy Eucharist where in our Jesus is present? Or are we waiting for any miracles to happen in our lives in order to believe Jesus? Remember that Jesus told us 'blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Let us pray to the lord for this grace to deepen our faith. I would stop here with the words of St. Augustine 'faith is to believe what we do not see; and the reward of this faith is to see what we believe.

Thank you