



As obvious as it should be that there are no white people in the Bible, I must admit I'm still thinking about it. And this time of year, I'm thinking about it and how it applies to Mary, the God-bearer, the mother of Jesus who, most certainly, wasn't white. And when she heard that she was going to bear the Christ child, she sang what we call the Magnificat. She sang about how God is scattering the proud in the thoughts of their hearts, bringing down the powerful from their thrones, lifting-up the lowly, filling the hungry with good things, and sending the rich away empty.

And so, this Christmas I'm trying my best to have a Magnificat Christmas. A Christmas that lives into what we hear Mary sing of. I'm extremely conscious of how counter-cultural, how hard that is, for we've so made Christmas about white people pampering themselves and exchanging gifts and that is so far away from what Mary sang about in the Magnificat.

Part of my Magnificat Christmas journey this year is reading Rachel Ricketts', *Do Better*. This is a book written by a Canadian woman directed at women like me, white women. Helping us to see how we have internalized white supremacy, how we benefit from it, and how we perpetuate it in our conscious and unconscious acts. And it challenges us. It really challenges us. To do better.

She is bringing the mighty down from their thrones and sending the rich away empty. And it's helping me see how embedded white supremacy is in our culture, in our selves. And how white supremacy is not from God. For God created a whole myriad of peoples of every nation and colour.

And God is always and everywhere breaking into the world in the seemingly most unlikely of people in the seemingly most unlikely of places.

And so, this year I invite you, like me to have a Magnificat Christmas. To see what you might be called to let go of. How you might need to be scattered in the thoughts of your heart, so that God can break in.

