



TODAY'S MESSAGE:

Embody Servanthood

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"In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, 'Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.' Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.' 'How will this be,' Mary asked the angel, 'since I am a virgin?' The angel answered, 'The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail.' 'I am the Lord's servant,' Mary answered. 'May your word to me be fulfilled.' Then the angel left her."
Luke 1:26-38 (NIV)

Who has served you well?

The "Making Room" Idea: Embody Servanthood

Mary's question: "How can this be?"

Two Lessons we can embody as well:

- 1) You are uniquely gifted for God's purposes
- 2} You are given God's Spirit and his Power to do what he asks of you

Mary's response: "I am the Lord's servant."



The Big Question: How will you respond?

A "Making Room" Response: Embody Servanthood through Radical Hospitality

Reflection Questions:

- 1) Who has served you well?
- 2) Who have you served recently?
- 3) What excuses do you have for not living out God's purposes?
- 4) How are you uniquely gifted for God's purposes?
- 5) How will you respond to God's call to Embody Servanthood?
- 6) What is one Radically Hospitable act you can do before the end of 2022?