Luke 1:26-27 (NLT) In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, [27] to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David.

#### Luke 1:28-30 (NLT)

Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!" [29] Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. [30] "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God!

#### Luke 1:31-33 (NLT)

You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. [32] He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. [33] And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!"

# I am the LORD'S SERVANT

Luke 1:39-56

### Gabriel's PROMISED that Jesus would...

- be FULLY Human
- be FULLY God His MISSION to SAVE
- be **GREAT**
- be RECOGNIZED as the SON of God
- receive the THRONE of David
- receive an EVERLASTING kingdom

Hebrews 13:5 (NIV) Keep your lives FREE from the LOVE of money and **be content** with what you have, because **God** has **said**, "Never will | leave you; never will I forsake you."

## **Both Elizabeth and Mary...**

- went through a God Given MIRACULOUS Birth
- were Truly HUMBLE
- had SONS in answer to prophecy
- had Sons who would be KILLED
- showed amazing FAITH

Malachi 3:1 (NLT) Look! I am sending my messenger, and he will prepare the WAY before ME...

Malachi 4:6 (NLT) **His preaching will TURN** the hearts of fathers to their children, and the hearts of children to their fathers. The only people whose soul can truly MAGNIFY the Lord are people who acknowledge their lowly estate and are OVERWHELMED by the *condescension* of the MAGNIFICENT God. JPiper

He, who had always been God BY **NATURE**, did **NOT CLING** to **His** prerogatives as God's equal, but stripped Himself of all PRIVILEGE by consenting to be a slave by nature and being born as mortal man. And, having become man, He HUMBLED Himself by living a life of utter OBEDIENCE... (JBP)

### We can FULLY Magnify and Exalt God ONLY when we are truly HUMBLE

When we are **OVERWHELMED** by **HIS** willing **OBEDIENCE** to God's Plan

# [43] But why am I so favored, that the MOTHER of my Lord should come to me?

[48] for HE has been mindful of the humble state of His servant.

## When we EXALT God we...

- ACCEPT that He is Sovereign
- **SUBMIT** to His Plan for us
- COME Regularly to the throne of GRACE
  for HELP
- WORSHIP Jesus Fully and Freely