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Wednesday's Devotion 12/23/20

Today's Scripture: Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing is impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Reflection: Mary responds to the angel's astounding news with a question for clarity, and then acceptance.

How do you respond to God – with acceptance or resistance?

What does "accepting God" mean to you?

Today's Prayer:

Lord God, maker of all Creation and Father of our Savior Jesus Christ,

Amidst all the bustle and noise associated with celebrating Christmas, help us to find some time each day to set aside just to be still, and to hear Your voice, and know that You are God. Speak to us Lord, that we might be guided in the direction that we should go. Help us to resist the earthly temptations that might interfere with Your plans for us. Remind us that all we have is by your Grace, and that all we need is within your Word. May our responses be steadfast and worthy and pleasing in Your sight. Amen