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Luke 1:26-38

As believers we desire to find God's will for our lives and would love to know what His will is in advance, but it is only by discovery and living life out that we find it. Feelings of insignificance, inadequacy, and a lack of understanding can cause us to question what God was thinking when He chose us to be his instruments. Our focus turns more inward toward our inability rather than upon God – “who is able to accomplish infinitely more than we can ever ask or think.” (Eph.3:20)

Our response must be to hold on to nothing but the sovereignty of God, abandoned and shipwrecked only on His strength. We must respond as Mary, “Here I am Lord, I am your servant” (Luke 1:38) as we trust Him knowing...nothing is impossible with God.

Questions:

1. Read Luke 1:26-29. God bestowed His favor upon Mary.
 - a. When was a time in your life when you experienced God's favor?
 - b. Do you find it difficult to believe that God chose you as His child and instrument of change to accomplish His mission? Explain.
 - c. Do you ever tend to have the attitude “why wouldn't God choose me?” Explain.
2. When experiencing feelings of doubt or inadequacy in making a decision, how do you practically transition those feelings to moving toward Him in faith?
3. How does knowing that everything God asks you to do will always be impossible and that we will always be limited change your perspective on accepting His assignments?
4. Read Eph. 3:20-21. Share a time or experience when God has equipped you to do what you previously thought was impossible?
5. When considering Mary and Jesus' response to being bond-slaves, how should we respond in our relationship with the Lord? What does this response look like?