

“And behold, you will  
conceive in your  
womb and bring forth  
a Son”



Luke 1:31

Handling  
“the news”  
&  
knowing  
about yourself



# □ “The news” is a call to service <sup>(1)</sup>

- St. Mary visiting and serving Elizabeth
- Asking the Lord to ease the embarrassment at the Wedding of Cana



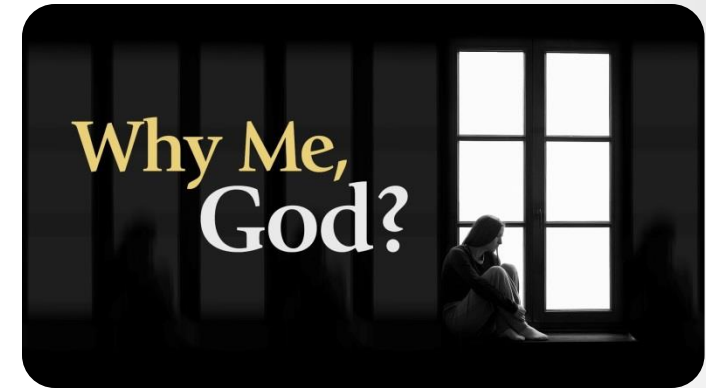
## □ “The news” is a call to service (2)

- Nehemiah doing the same upon hearing the news coming from Jerusalem
- The Church of Antioch helping the one in Jerusalem *Acts 11:27-30*



# □ “The news” and “why me?”

- Between the temptation of pride (Israel) and the grumbling against the task (“O my Lord, please send by the hand of whomever else You may send.” --Exodus 4:13), many fall away



# □ “The news” and “how is God with me?”

- The reaction to the news by Gideon:  
“O my lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us?”

*Judges 6:13*



# □ “The news” and “what about...?”

- These are the questions about convenience and conditions
- A true servant is only mindful of his/her duties and obligations



# □ “The news” of the defeat at Ai was a call for self-examination for Joshua

- “Then Joshua tore his clothes, and fell to the earth on his face before the ark of the LORD until evening, he and the elders of Israel; and they put dust on their heads” *Joshua 7:6*





□ “The news” for Moses about Pharaoh chasing after the people of Israel was another occasion to experience God’s power

- “And Moses said to the people, ‘Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today’” *Exodus 14:13*



□ “The news” about the persecution triggered against the Early Church led the disciples to pray always and proclaim the message all the more boldly

- “So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said”

*Acts 4:24*

