

“Riding with God”

Based on Luke 1:26-28, 36-38 (NIV)

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Luke 1:26 & 27

26 In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee,

27 to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

† **Gabriel is a messenger.**

† **Who really is with Mary is God.**

Luke 1:28 - The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

† **The word Emmanuel, literally means (in Hebrew) “God with us.”**

† **What is something I never would have done without God being with me?**

Luke 1:36-37

36 Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month.

37 For nothing is impossible with God."

† **God is also with Mary through Elizabeth.**

† **God has come to me and wants to be with me, but I have to accept.**

Luke 1:38 - "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

† **Mary only knew that God was asking her to serve Him, and she willingly obeyed.**

† **God is with me, in whatever circumstance I face.**

† **God comes to me through the best way for me.**

Applying Today's Message to My Life:

† When have I tried to “pedal” through life all by myself?

† When did I only let God “ride along” on the back of life’s “tandem bicycle”?

† When have I put my whole trust in God (Let God take the front seat), as Mary did, to lead me on this wonderful adventure called life?

† How is God calling me to “pedal” today?
This week?

† Is my view of God that “I am the Lord’s servant” ... or do I live my life as if God is my servant?