

# Divine Dialogues: Responding to God's Call

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Feast of the Annunciation

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast

# 1. The Lord Approaches

- “And having come in, the angel said to her...” – Luke 1:28
- "Give Me a drink." (vs. 7)
- Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" (Gen. 3:9)

## 2. Failing to understand His message or purpose

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- “But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was.” (Lk. 1:29)
- Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. (Jn. 4:9)
- “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.” (Prov. 3:5-6)
- “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.” (Rom. 8:28)

# 3. Favored by God

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- “Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you...” (Lk. 1:28)
- “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it?” (Lk. 15:4)

# 4. Revelation

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- “He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David...and of His kingdom there will be no end.” (Lk. 1:32,33)
- The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He." (Jn. 4:25-26)
- And the LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing, since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?" (Gen. 18:17-18)

## 5. Our Participation

- "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." (Lk. 1:38)
- The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, "Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?" (Jn. 4:28-29)
- God wants all of us to participate in His work

# 6. An Eternal Reward

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"Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" (Lk. 1:28)

# John 4:31-39

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- In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat."
- 32 But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know."
- 33 Therefore the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?"
- 34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. 35 Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! 36 And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. 37 For in this the saying is true: **'One sows and another reaps.'** 38 **I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors.'**
- 39 And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all that I ever did."