

*The Favor,
The Fear,
The Faith:*

Responding to God's Call

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*The Favor, The Fear, The Faith:
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The Unexpected Nature

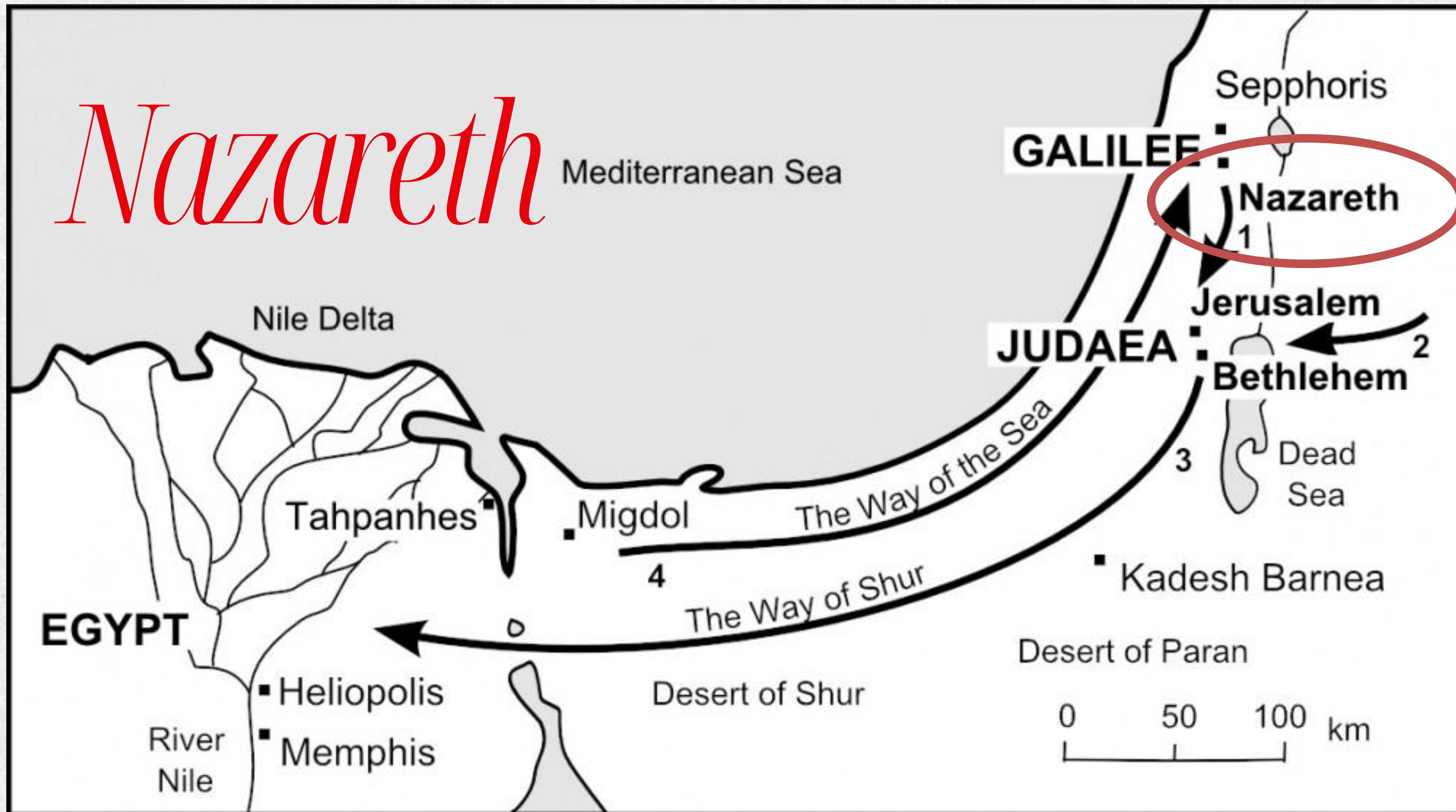
Of God's interruptions

The Unmerited Favor

Luke 1:26-28



Nazareth



Luke 1:26

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth,

Luke 1:27

To a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

Luke 1:28

And having come in, the angel said to her, “Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you, blessed are you among women!”

*The Nature of
God's Favor and
Call*

The Human Questioning

Luke 1:29-34



Luke 1:29

But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was.

*The Message, the
messenger, and
the recipient.*



Luke 1:30

Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

Luke 1:31

And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS.

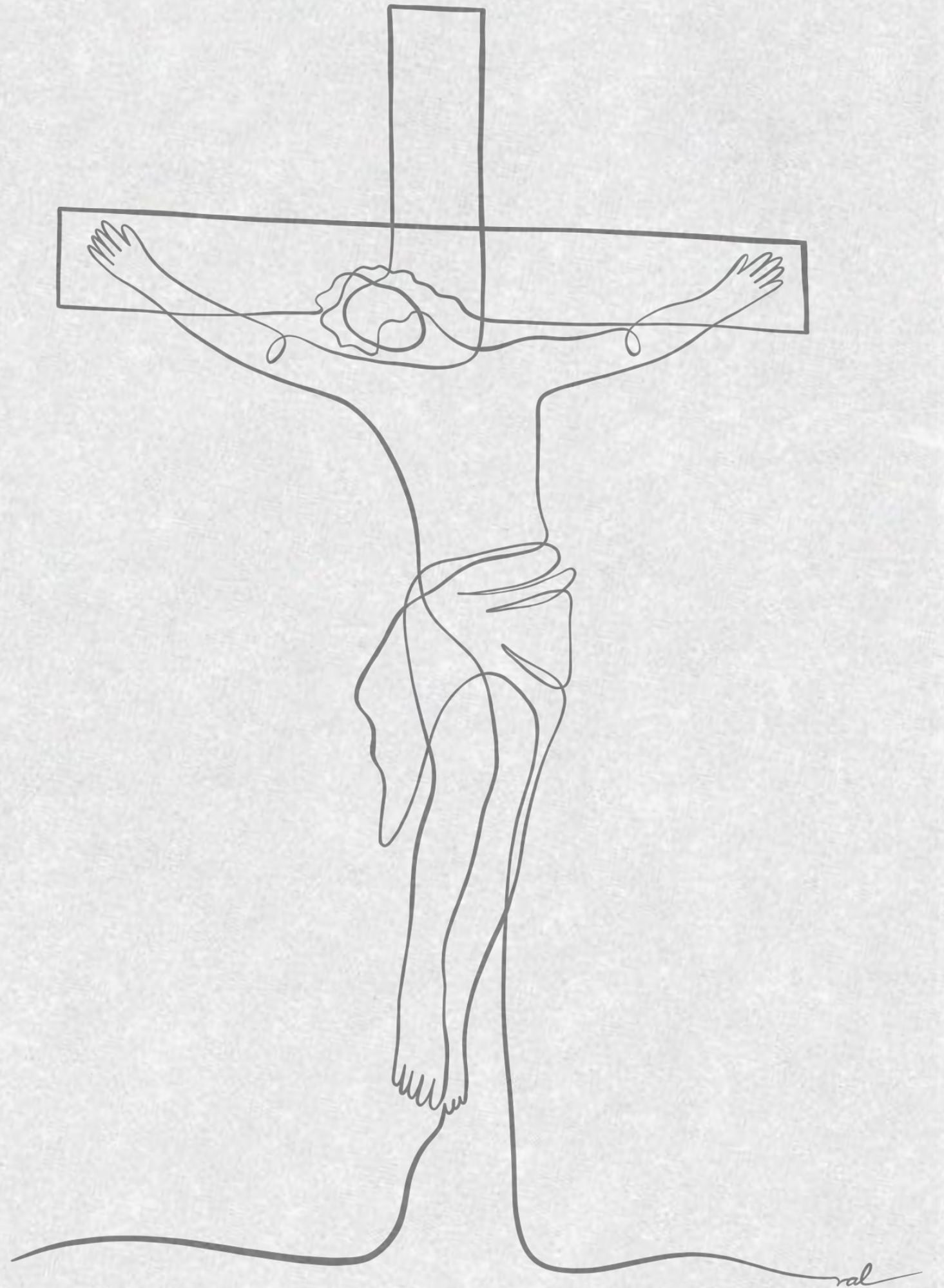
Luke 1:32

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.

Luke 1:33

And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”

*It's all about
the Messiah*

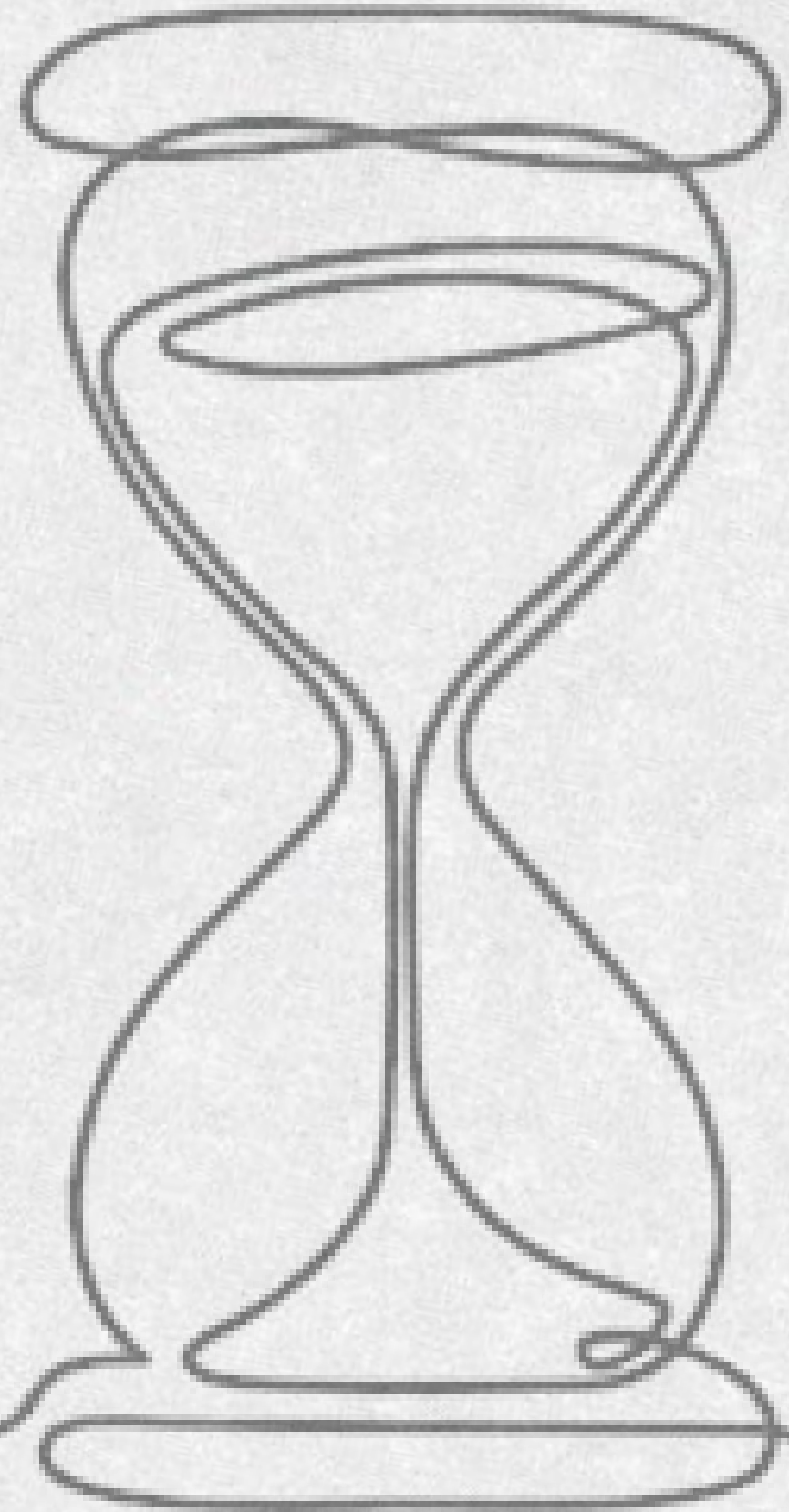


Luke 1:34

Then Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I do not know a man?”

God is patient as

He waits on us.



*Human Doubt and
Questioning*

The Divine Solution

Luke 1:35-37



The Holy Spirit



Luke 1:35

And the angel answered and said to her, “*The* Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.

*Proof of a
Precedent*



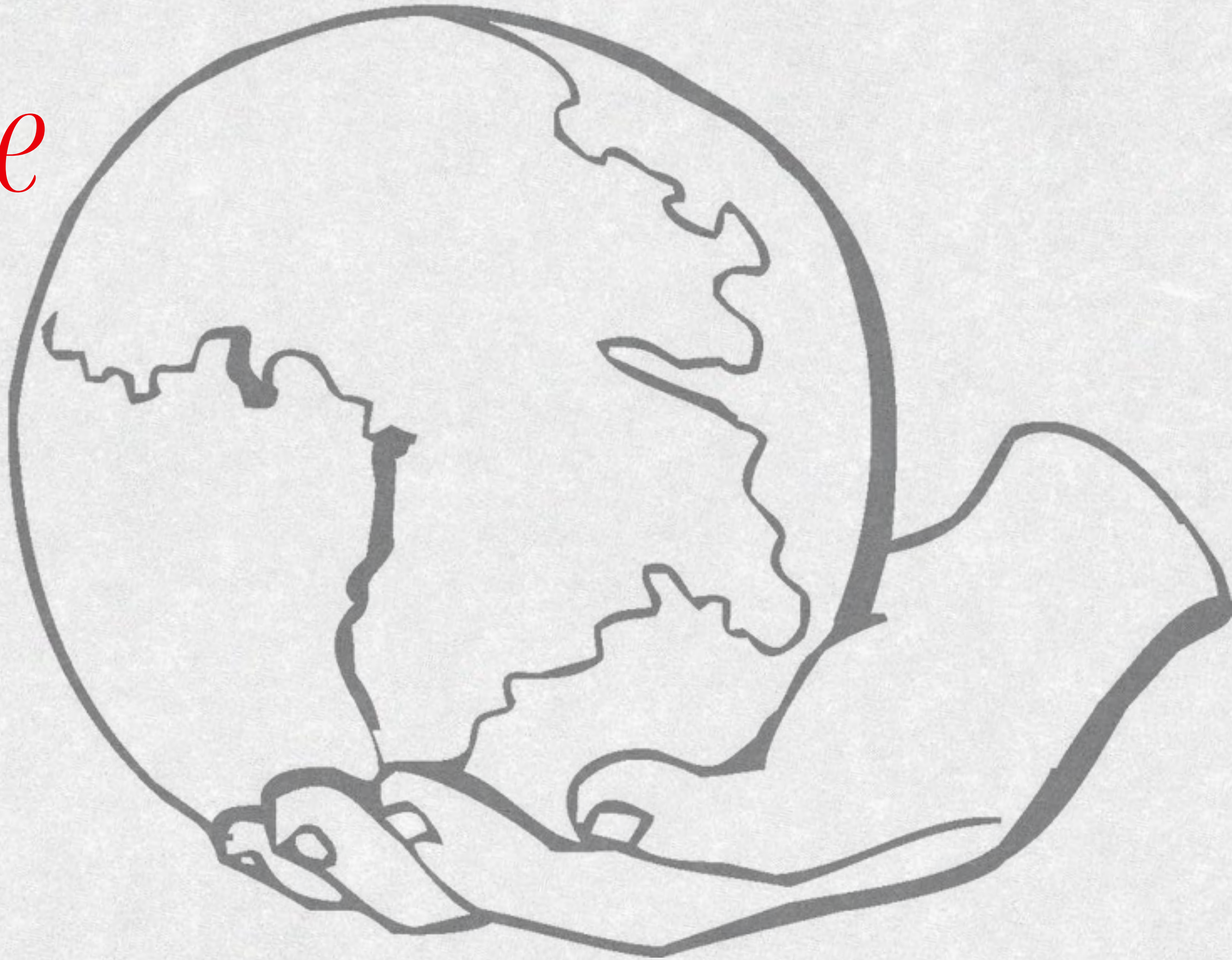
Luke 1:36

Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren.

Luke 1:37

For with God nothing will be
impossible.”

*A God of the
Impossible*



*The Divine
Solution and
Assurance*

Humble Obedience

Luke 1:38



Luke 1:38

Then Mary said, “Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

She accepts the
immediate,
terrifying mystery:

- The social scandal she would endure
- The personal disruption of their life plans
- The supernatural reality of carrying the Son of God.



*The submissive
heart of a servant*

*Humble Obedience
and Surrender*

What is your *Response?*

This passage is a mirror for our own journey of faith.

- 1. Have you recognized the Unmerited Favor of God in your life? You are called, chosen, and dearly loved—not because you've earned it, but because of His grace.**

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2. **Are you currently stuck on the "How?" Are you allowing your practical, human questions to paralyze your spiritual movement? Remember verse 37: "For nothing will be impossible with God."**

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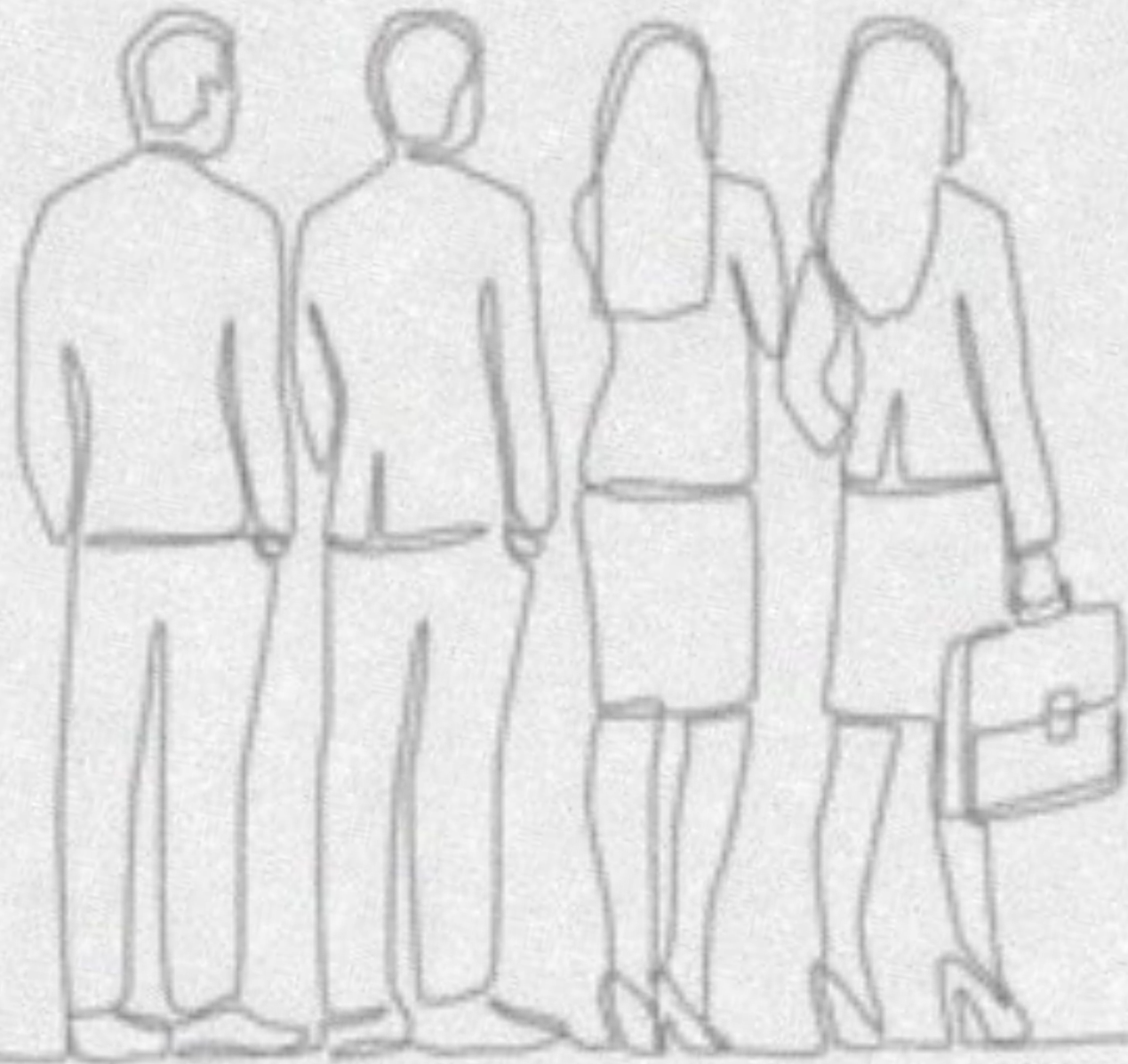
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3. **Will you choose Humble Obedience?**

Will you answer God's call?



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In short,

God's love reaches everyone, everywhere.

Hope is for all.

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