



### **Sermon Notes – Bob Hawker – 12/03/2023**

#### ***Luke 1:26-29 NLT***

God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!" Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean.

#### ***Luke 1:38***

Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true." And then the angel left her.

#### **William Barclay**

"Towards Jesus Christ there can be no neutrality. We either surrender to Him or we are at war with Him, And the tragedy of life is that our pride often keeps us from making the surrender that leads to victory..."

#### ***Proverbs 14:12***

There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death.

#### ***Galatians 2:20***

My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

#### **Richard Rohr**

"This lack of control initially feels like a loss, a humiliation, a stepping backward, an undesired vulnerability. However, recognizing our lack of control is a universal starting point for a serious spiritual walk towards wisdom and truth."

**Admitting our powerlessness frees us to allow the One who is Power to become active in our lives.**

#### ***Exodus 14:14***

"The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still."