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MOSAIC BIBLE FELLOWSHIP Response Card

NAME:

Day by Day by Grace (December 21st)

Once More on Following Jesus as a Disciple

"If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me...My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me." (Luke 9:23 and John 10:27)

As we have seen, following Jesus as a disciple is another way to relate rightly to the Lord in humility and faith. Discipleship begins with renouncing the self-life and confessing death for the self-life. "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily." Initially and continually, these humble and trusting responses to Jesus deal with self, which is the basic obstruction to following Him. Ultimately, three simple words express the very heart of discipleship: "and follow Me."

All of the Christian life can be summed up and fulfilled in this profound relationship-a humble, dependent walk with the Lord. It is the will of God that we grow in His all-sufficient grace. "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18). Jesus came overflowing with that grace. "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). As we follow Him in humble dependence, He pours His grace into our lives.

Jesus has all that we need. In Him, the complete resources of the Godhead for our personal wholeness reside. "For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him" (Colossians 2:9-10). In Him, all wisdom and knowledge are contained: "in whom are hid-

den all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Colossians 2:3). Jesus is the very life that we are called to live: "Christ who is our life" (Colossians 3:4). He is our "all and in all" (Colossians 3:11).

We need the Lord Jesus like sheep need a shepherd. In fact, our discipleship walk with Christ is portrayed in Scripture as sheep following a shepherd. Those who are in the world are like sheep without a shepherd. What a needy picture that is. "But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd" (Matthew 9:36). Jesus, our shepherd, is the ultimate shepherd. "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep" (John 10:11). Having died for us, our shepherd wants to lead us throughout our lives. "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me" (John 10:27). In humble dependence, we can hear His voice through His word and be led by His Spirit. Thereby, we enter into the fullness of the grace that God has for us during our pilgrimage here on this earth.

Jesus, my Good Shepherd, I need You like a sheep needs a shepherd. I humbly trust You to lead me through life, pouring out upon me the fullness of Your grace, in Your wonderful name, Amen.

Lunch offering can be placed in the offering box in the multi-purpose room.

For church members, offering can be dropped in the offering box in the EM room or sent to NVCCC C/O Chen, P. O. Box 2758, Merrifield, VA 22116.

(Offering is mainly for our church members and regular attendees. If you are visiting us today, just fill in the response card and place it in the offering box.)



MOSAIC BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

NVCCC English Ministry

December 21, 2025

SUNDAY SERVICE

Praise*
Prayer*
Scripture reading

Luke 1:26-38

Message

The Amazing Unexpected Message of Christmas

Speaker

Pastor Erik Evenson

Response Card and Offerings
Response song*
Announcements
Doxology*
Benediction/Closing prayer
Pastor Erik Evenson

(* Stand if you are able, please.)

JOIN US THIS WEEK

Sunday 10AM - Worship service

After Sunday worship service, we have a time of fellowship with refreshments. You are welcome to join!

Friday 8PM - Small group (In-person and online)

The online link for small group meetings will be found in our weekly email announcement. Any questions? Send an email to: nvccem@gmail.com

UPCOMING

December 24 — Christmas Eve Service @Church

Thank you for being with us today. For sermon notes every week, go to Listen, and Message Note on our website.

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:26-38

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, 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. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

³⁴ "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

³⁵ The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. So Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. To no word from God will ever fail."

³⁸ "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

God's love for you is forever and ever in Christ!

THE AMAZING UNEXPECTED MESSAGE OF CHRISTMAS

Notes	

I AM INTERESTED IN TAKING A CLASS FOR MY SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

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()	Mission/Evangelism 401		
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()	Foundations for basic Christian doctrines		
()	Fresh Start for starting my faith i Christ		
()	How to do daily Quiet Time with God		
NEED TO TALK TO A PASTOR?				
()	I would like to talk with a pastor to understand the biblical view on a subject.		
()	I would like to know what it means to be a member of MBF		
		(NVCCC)		
ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? LET US KNOW, PLEASE.				

Citations

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