

SIGNS
of
CHRISTmas

Luke 1:26-56



Review:

—> Zechariah & Elizabeth were “well stricken in years”

—> Zechariah’s unbelief kept him from seeing and understanding

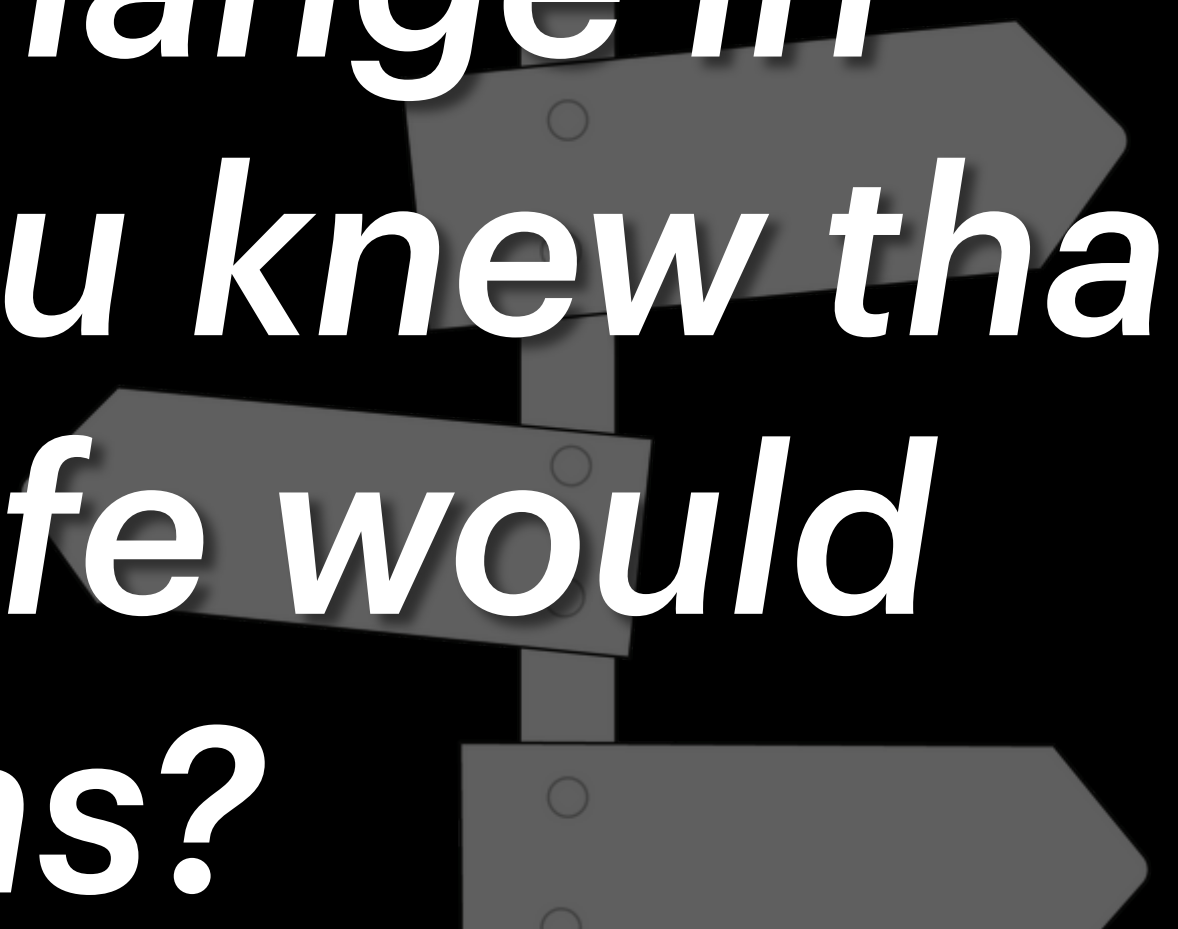
—> Discipline = take away his voice & then reduced to only communicating with signs

—> People (Elizabeth) recognized the signs and believed & did not hide out in disbelief

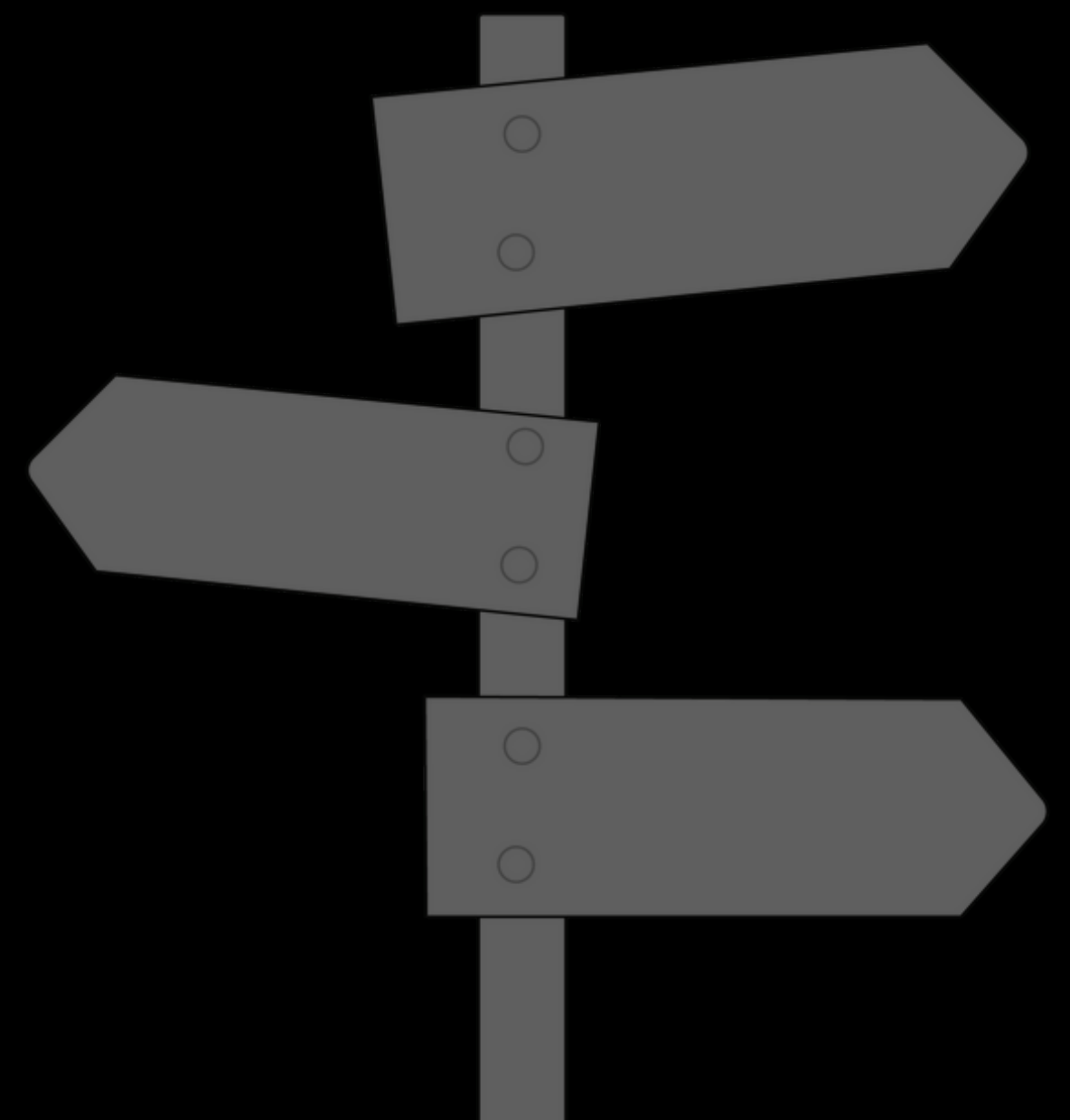


Do you ever make plans...good plans...life-changing plans...that excite you?

How would you feel if through a change in circumstance or by conviction, you knew that glorifying God most fully in your life would lead you to abandon all those plans?



Hold that thought.



Did you see that?

Mark 6:7-9, 12

—> disciples sent out preaching

Mark 6:39-44

—> 5,000 lunches

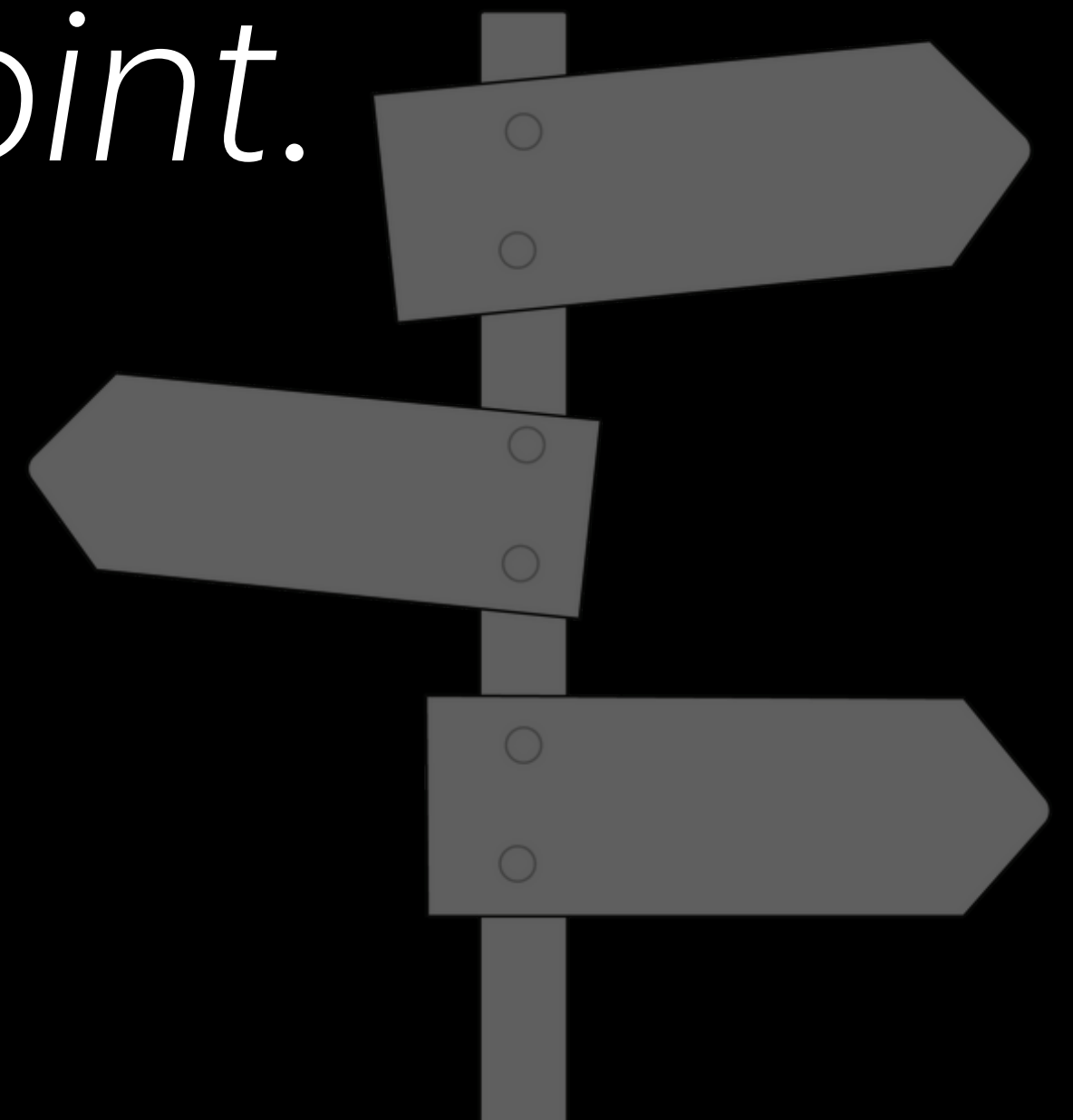
Mark 6:49-51

—> Jesus walks on water

Mark 8:6-9

—< 4,000 lunches

**I promise
there's a
point.*



Luke 1:26-56

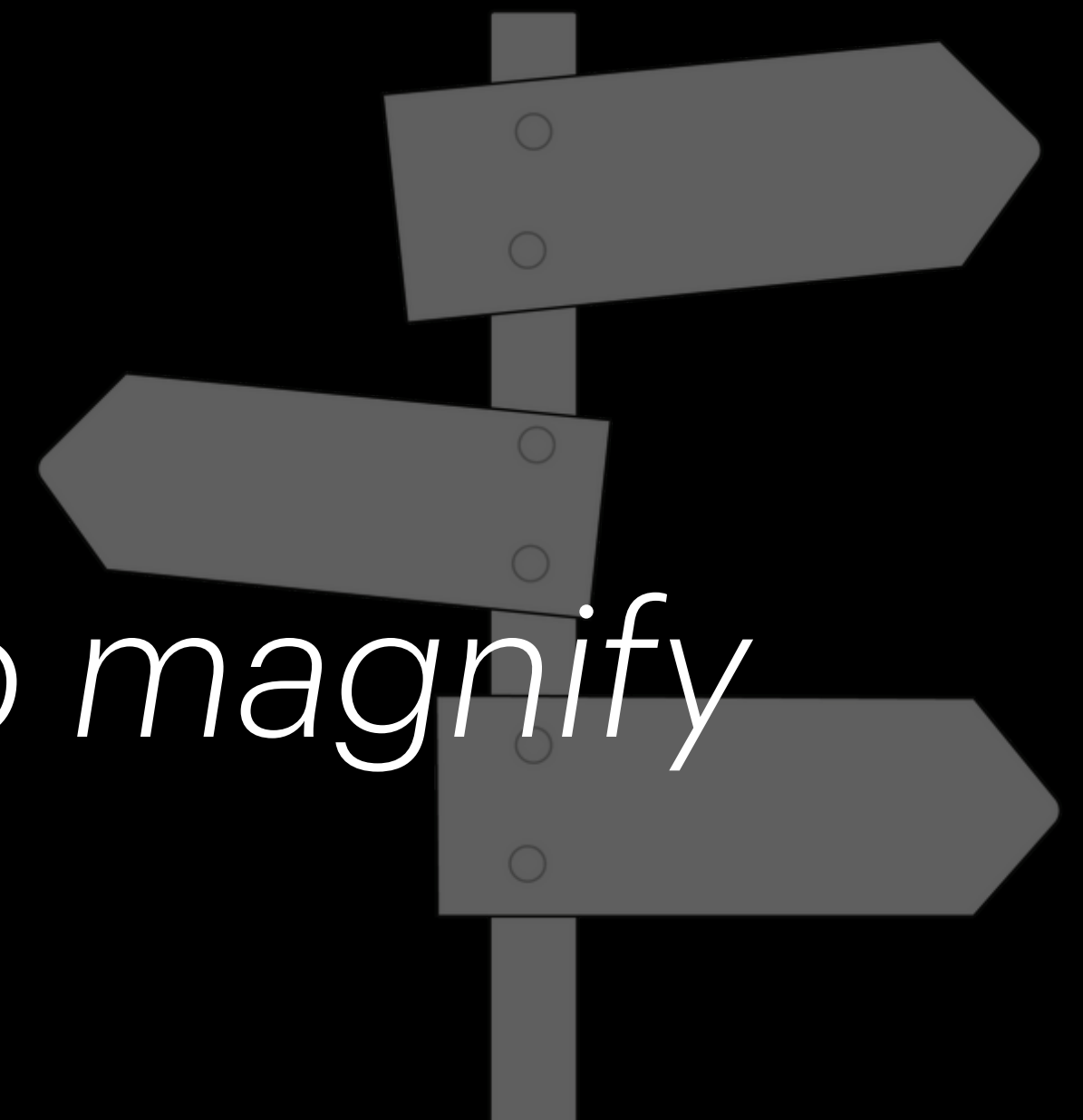
vs. 28, 30, 34 —> GOD shows favor on the lowly.

vs. 35 —> GOD puts His Spirit in His people. We are changed!

vs. 36 —> GOD isn't done with you, no matter the perception of others.

vs. 39-45 —> GOD cares about us!

vs. 46-56 —> Mary's ONLY response is to magnify GOD.

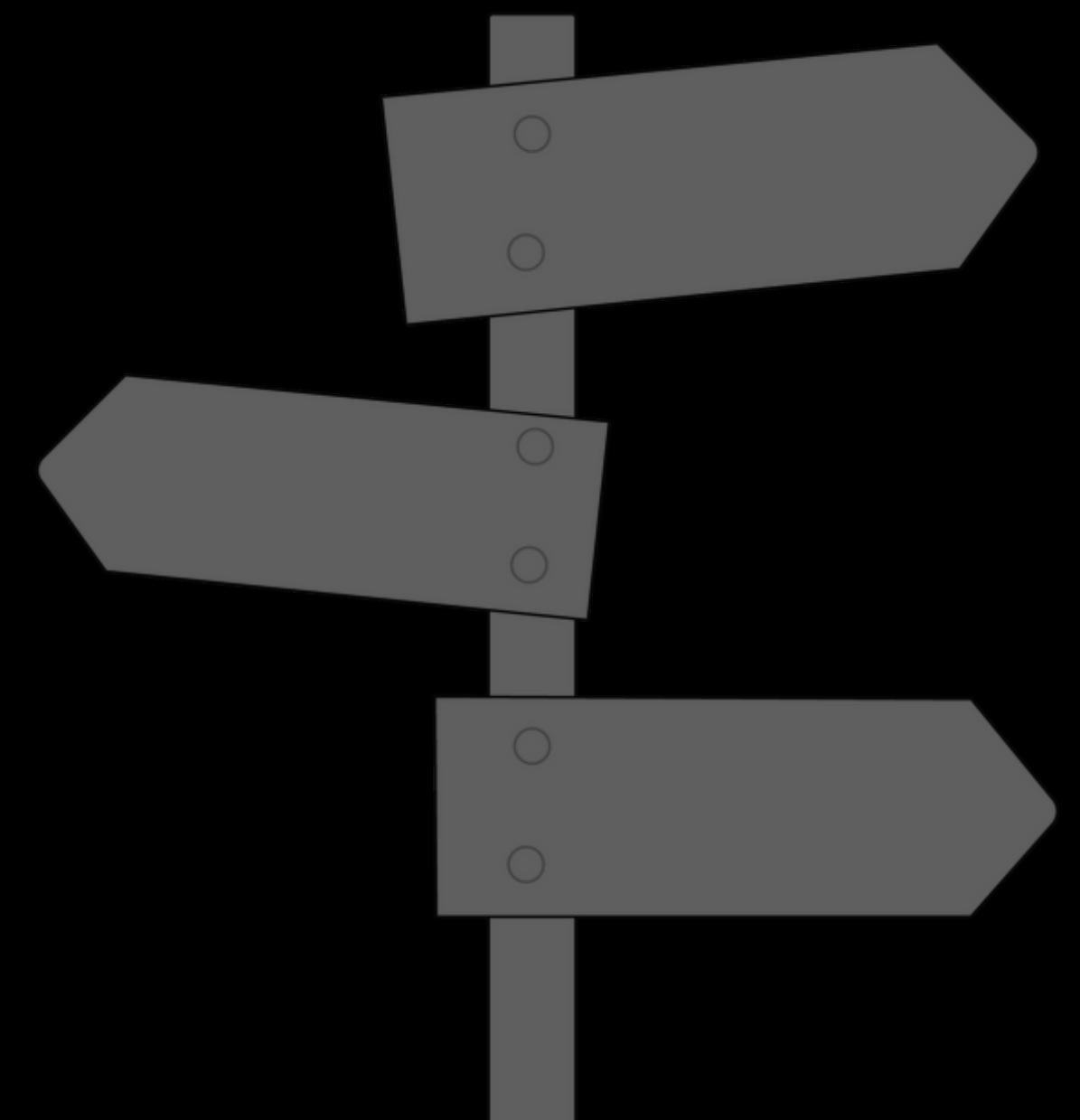


"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."


Isaiah 7:14



Back to Mark



18 Having eyes do you not see, and having ears do you not hear? And do you not remember? 19 When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" They said to him, "Twelve." 20 "And the seven for the four thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" And they said to him, "Seven." 21 And he said to them, "Do you not yet understand?" **Mark 8:18-21**



Signs of Messiah

- 1) *Isaiah's prophecy 700 years before*
- 2) *God sent an angel*
- 3) *...to a virgin*
- 4) *...of the house of David*
- 5) *John (the baptist) knew Jesus was there*

So what?

- ~ *Am I listening? Am I paying attention?*
- ~ *Am I open to the Holy Spirit?*
- ~ *In my doubts do I still seek Him?*
- ~ *Do I believe God?*
- ~ *Is there action required?*
- ~ *Is God telling me to speak?*
- ~ *What's my response? Do I need to give up my plans?*