



Lead is a naturally occurring element found in small amounts all around the earth.

Heavy Metal Low melting point and is very malleable, and dense

Highly durable and resistant to corrosion

It has many applications

While it has some beneficial uses, it can be very toxic



Leadership can occur naturally but is found in small amounts can be found all over the world but can be heavy

Hold their ground

Adaptable to situations And we want them to be Durable applicable





King Herod had no interest in worshiping the newborn king

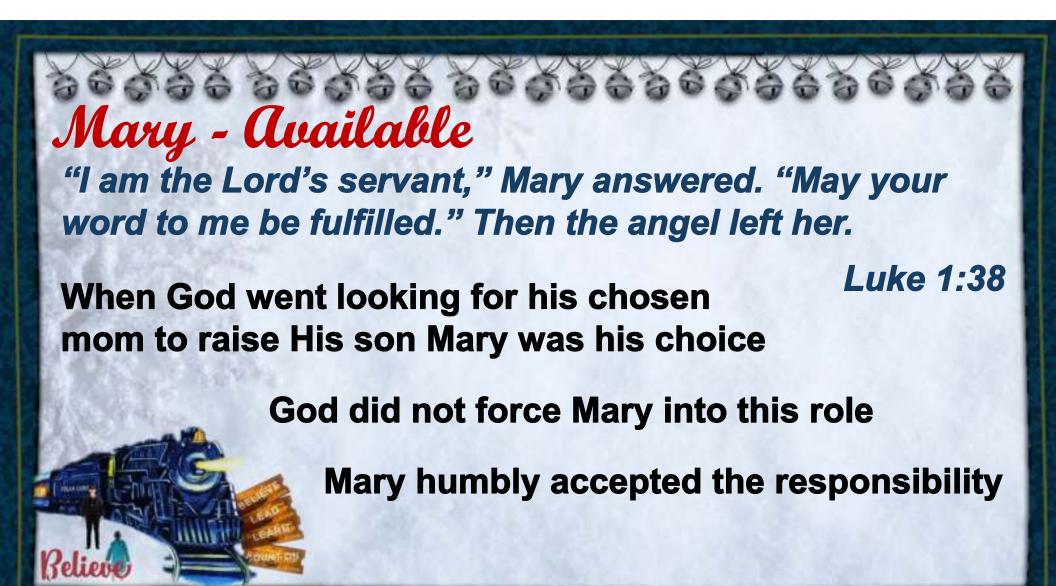
He only wanted to remain in power

As we saw last week, he wants kill Jesus and will do whatever it takes



Fortunately, Herod is not the only example of a "Christmas Leadership"







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

Was she a leader?
Her life screams of leadership qualities



But before any of them could be part of God's plan she had to make herself available to God's purpose

Luke 1:38

Joseph - Faithful

This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

Matthew 1:18-19



Did he struggle with God's plan?

The important thing is that he stuck with God through it all

Every time God said do this, that is what Joseph did



Leadership does not always mean barking commands, sometimes it means following instructions

The Shepherd's - Listened

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

Luke 2:15-16

They honed their skills not in a classroom but in a meadow (Jeremiah 3:15)



He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

Isaiah 40:11

How did these men know what to do for sheep, simple they spoke sheep

They knew their sheep and their sheep knew them



The Magi - Paid Attention

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

Matthew 2:1-2





But let us remember not everybody saw it

They arrive at Jesus, is he what they expected, unsure but they honored him in worship

They paid attention to the dream from God and headed home ensuring the child's safety

Jesus the Servant Leader

A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. And he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves.

Luke 22:24-27



If you want to see Godly leadership, it was there lying in a manger (*Philippians 2:6*)

However, Jesus focused on a different kind of leadership as he chose to be a servant leader

To be a servant leader he had to incorporate all the other attributes:

Available, Faithful, Listen and Pay Attention



And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

And through his sacrifice we are healed. (1 Peter 2:23-24)



Philippians 2:8



