

### WARM-UP

- What was your first impression of your best friend? Was your impression of him or her correct?
- Do you consider yourself an assertive person? Why or why not?
- What is one thing that you are believing for at this time?

**WORD** *Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.* **ISAIAH 42:1**

In this passage, the Prophet Isaiah foretold that Jesus would be the chosen servant in whom God delights. The servant was chosen to be a messenger of God's justice and hope to the nations, championing and fulfilling the Law of God to mankind. But He would not fulfill this in a manner that the world would expect—with extravagant and excessive displays of might and power. Today, we will look at how Jesus is described as God's humble servant.

## 1 | Spirit-Empowered Servant

*Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ISAIAH 42:1*

Jesus is a humble servant in whom God delights and in whom the fullness of God's Spirit dwells. He, by the Spirit, is more than capable to make grand displays of power. Instead of working to receive glory, He used His power to serve the people by healing the sick (Matthew 12:15–18). He does not simply move on His own, but He does the will of the Father through the Spirit. Who is the Holy Spirit and what does He do in us? (John 14:26)

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## 2 | Gentle Servant

*<sup>2</sup>He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; <sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ISAIAH 42:2,3*

When we think of the word "justice," we tend to imagine someone championing the cause, by force and loud cries, of those who have been treated unfairly or unjustly. But Jesus will faithfully bring forth justice with His gentle Spirit, not in a rash or harmful manner or with a loud voice drawing attention to Himself. How have you experienced Jesus' gentleness in your life?

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### 3 | Patient Servant

*He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. ISAIAH 42:4*

In this chaotic, prideful, and hateful world, it is difficult to be a messenger of justice, especially God's justice. But Jesus, along with His uncommon gentleness, will not grow faint or be discouraged. He is the only hope for the nations, for forgiveness and justice will come from Him. In the Spirit that God has put upon Him, He will not give up in fulfilling what He was sent for. How has your life been a testimony of the persevering nature of Jesus?

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#### APPLICATION

- Have you surrendered your life to Jesus, the gentle and patient servant? Would you like to do so today?
- How has your life reflected the gentleness and patience of Jesus? What is one way that you can demonstrate this to those around you this week?
- Does anyone around you need to experience the gentleness of Jesus? How can you preach the gospel to him or her to show Jesus' humble nature?

# PRAYER

- Thank God for sending Jesus to be the messenger of justice and the hope of all nations. Pray that you would know and experience more His gentleness and patience.
- Pray that as you experience Jesus' gentleness and patience, you will be able to extend this to those around you.
- Pray for God's justice to prevail in this world, that people will live according to His Word and His will.

# NOTES

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