He Will Be Called—2 Watch God Work Robert Madu

He is a mighty God.

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, <u>Mighty God</u>, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6 NKJV

Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. ¹²When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. ¹³But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. ¹⁴He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, ¹⁵ for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born. ¹⁶He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. ¹⁷And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." ¹⁸Zechariah asked the angel, "How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years." ¹⁹The angel said to him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to

tell you this good news. ²⁰And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their appointed time."

Luke 1:11-20 NIV

"Nothing is impossible for God!" Luke 1:37 CEV

You are what God says about you.

God will be mighty often in the ordinary.

When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. 1 Corinthians 13:11 NKJV

Childlikeness is the faith-filled wonder to believe that a mighty God can still do the impossible.

... the baby leaped in her womb ... Luke 1:41 NIV

Get some people around you who will believe God with you.

Have you put the promise of God on the shelf because it hasn't come to pass on your timetable?

When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son. ⁵⁸Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they shared her joy. ⁵⁹On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him after his father Zechariah, ⁶⁰but his mother spoke up and said, "No! He is to be called John." ⁶¹They said to her, "There is no one among your relatives who has that name." Luke 1:57-61 NIV

... "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared ..."

1 Corinthians 2:9 NKJV

God can do something new through you.

Then they made signs to his father, to find out what he would like to name the child. ⁶³He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone's astonishment he wrote, "His name is John." ⁶⁴Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue set free, and he began to speak, praising God. Luke 1:62-64 NIV

God is mighty in the waiting.

TALK IT OVER

Read **Isaiah 9:6**. What is your first thought when you hear the word "mighty"?

Childlikeness is the faith-filled wonder to believe that a mighty God can still do the impossible. Practically, how can you live with childlike faith today?

How do you typically respond when it feels like God is taking longer than you'd like? What practices could you implement in order to see God in the waiting?

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