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# *Zechariah's Steps of faith to a Wonderful Life*

- 1. Faithful in Prayer*
- 2. Faithful in Promises*
- 3. Faithful in Participation*
- 4. Faithful in Praise*



*Characteristics found in Joseph that made a “Wonderful Life”*

- 1. Faith in God*
- 2. Mercy towards sinners*
- 3. Modesty towards self*
- 3. Maternal towards sons / daughters*





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*Luke 1:26-38 - 29 But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. 30 Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus.*





*Luke 1:26-38 - 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. 33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.” 34 Then Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I do not know a man?”*



*Luke 1:26-38 - 35 And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.  
36 Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren.*



*Luke 1:26-38 - 37 For with God nothing will be impossible.”38 Then Mary said, “Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.*





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*Luke 2:34-35 - 34 Then Simeon blessed them, and he said to Mary, the baby's mother, "This child is destined to cause many in Israel to fall, and many others to rise. He has been sent as a sign from God, but many will oppose him. 35 As a result, the deepest thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your very soul."*





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*Philippians 3:7-9 - 7 I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done.  
8 Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ  
9 and become one with him.*





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*John 1:46 - "Nazareth!" exclaimed Nathanael.  
"Can anything good come from Nazareth?"*





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*Matthew 16:18 - And I also say to you...on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.*





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*Isaiah 66:2 - "These are the ones I look on with favor: those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at my word.*





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*Servant: diakonos*

*Slave: doule*





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*Proverbs 18:21 - Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.*



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- 3. Are you a worshipper?*



*Isaiah 63:1 - To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.”*





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*Luke 1:46-49 - "Oh, how my soul praises the Lord. 47 How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior! 48 For he took notice of his lowly servant girl, and from now on all generations will call me blessed. 49 For the Mighty One is holy, and he has done great things for me.*





*Hebrews 13:15 - Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.*





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