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*Luke 1:5-15 - 5 When Herod was king of Judea, there was a Jewish priest named **Zechariah**. He was a member of the priestly order of Abijah, and his wife, **Elizabeth** was also from the priestly line of Aaron*



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*





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Matthew 1:18-25 - 20 But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.



Matthew 1:18-25 - 21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” 22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 23 “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”



Matthew 1:18-25 - 24 Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, 25 and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name Jesus.





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*Jeremiah 22:24,30 - 24 “As surely as I live,” says the Lord, “I will abandon you, Jehoiachin son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah. Even if you were the signet ring on my right hand, I would pull you off...
30 This is what the Lord says: ‘Let the record show that this man Jehoiachin was childless. He is a failure, for none of his children will succeed him on the throne of David to rule over Judah.’*





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Luke 3:23-24 - Jesus was about thirty years old when he began his public ministry. Jesus was known as the son of Joseph. Joseph was the son of Heli. 24 Heli was the son of Matthat. Matthat was the son of Levi.





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Exodus 34:7 says that God “[visits] the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children’s children...





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*Luke 2:52 - Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature
and in favor with God and all the people.*





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Hosea 6:6 - For I desire mercy and not sacrifice (the law), And the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.



Matthew 22:36-37 - 36 “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” 37 Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”





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- 3. Modesty towards self*



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Modest means:

“a humble estimate of one's merits and importance”

- quality of having a moderate opinion of oneself*
- Putting others above yourself*





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Matthew 20:26-28 - 26 Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. 27 And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave— 28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”





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