



## WHAT IF I MISSED IT?

Sermon Notes for Sunday, December 3, 2023. Based on Rev. Chris Heckert's sermon.

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“But 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.” - Luke 1:13

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1. While most Nativity Scenes include Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, wisemen, shepherds, angels, and animals, they almost never include \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Sometimes we have dreams for our lives, but \_\_\_\_\_, which can derail those plans.
3. Being \_\_\_\_\_ was no small dream for Zechariah and Elizabeth.
4. Zechariah was selected out of \_\_\_\_\_ by lot to burn incense in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Temple.
5. As Zechariah was burning incense, an angel appeared and said \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Sometimes holding hope can hurt because it reminds us that our \_\_\_\_\_ seem unlikely, or impossible.
7. Fear often covers up for \_\_\_\_\_, in which we have given up expecting that good things are possible.
8. When we believe that only we hold the keys to our destiny, we can stop waiting, \_\_\_\_\_, or expecting.
9. The angel tells Zechariah: “Your prayer has been \_\_\_\_\_.”
10. God's possibilities are always greater than our \_\_\_\_\_.

### Questions for Reflection

1. What is a dream that you have in your heart for your life but have come to question if it is possible?
  2. In what ways does hopelessness prevent you from hoping, or expecting God to show up?
  3. What disappointments do you need to let go of in order to live into the new possibilities that God has for your life?
  4. In what ways can you open up your heart and mind to the unlikely things that God is doing?
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