

In Good Company: *Seeing God in the Interlude!*

Text: Luke 1:5–24 & 39-45

Topic: Elizabeth, Waiting, Promise, Hope, Time

Big Idea of the Message: Elizabeth experienced restoration when God gave her a child, and then she encouraged a pregnant Mary.

Application Point: We will strive to see God's movement in the world and in the promises he has given us.

Could it be that waiting is really a relative term... that maybe that if we would look with the right perspective we would see God is working right on time and according to His plan of sanctification in our life in this time we call waiting.

The raw question is what are we doing in that time?

Zechariah and Elizabeth were married and were well up in age.

They would become the parents of John the Baptist - the forerunner of Jesus.

Elizabeth suffered from ridicule because she was barren and had not been able to have a child.

This couple is unique in the fact that even in the midst of their failed hopes of children and all their prayers seemed to have fallen on deaf ears as up to this point had not been answered, yet they were declared as faithful according to God's word.

1. God is Stirring in the Interlude of our Life! (6-23)

What we see in the life of Zechariah and Elizabeth is that God was working and stirring in the midst of the interlude of their life.

(1) Recognize

Focus - Looking to see God moving in the world around us.

(2) Respond

How are you going to respond to God in the midst of the interlude?

2. God is Restoring you in the Interlude of your Life! (24-25)

When God acts to fulfill his promises, he meets a wide array of needs. Though he is concerned to fulfill his promises to Israel, God is also meeting the personal needs of a righteous couple.

3. God is Calling you beyond the Interlude of your Life! (39-44)

God is calling us to live out the work He has done in our lives by pointing others to Him.

What will you do with what you have experienced?

God is not finished with you Child of God.... He is not finished working in you or through you, until He brings you to be with Him.

Keep Hoping!

Keep Looking!

Keep Declaring the truth of the Lord!