

HOPE IS BORN  
Daze to Days  
Week 1 Luke 1  
December 1, 2019  
Pastor Mike Popovich

What are you wishing for?

Holiday: The feelings of confusion and excitement people have between Thanksgiving and Christmas; the blur one feels while shopping for gifts in crowded stores with heavy holiday traffic.

Jesus' birth is not just the explanation of God but will become the answer to the problem of sin that separates us from God.

Elizabeth and Mary were cousins but Elizabeth was much older.

*In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah; and he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. <sup>6</sup> They were both righteous in the sight of God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and requirements of the Lord. <sup>7</sup> But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both advanced in years. Luke 1:5-7 NAS*

The problem was Elizabeth was barren.

Zacharias was not planning on a visit from an angel.

*And an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the altar of incense. <sup>12</sup> Zacharias was troubled when he saw the angel, and fear gripped him. <sup>13</sup> But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your petition has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will give him the name John. <sup>14</sup> You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. <sup>15</sup> For he will be great in the sight of the Lord; and he will drink no wine or liquor, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother's womb. <sup>16</sup> And he will turn many of the sons of Israel back to the Lord their God. <sup>17</sup> It is he who will go as a forerunner before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, TO TURN THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS BACK TO THE CHILDREN, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."*

Luke 1:11-17 NAS

## 1. Do Not Give Up On Your Dreams

What are you praying for and you feel like it will never come?

The angel tells him all about the baby and what he will become. Now what it says is he will be the forerunner of **Him**.

## 2. Don't Give In To Your Doubts

*Zacharias said to the angel, "How will I know this for certain? For I am an old man and my wife is advanced in years." <sup>19</sup> The angel answered and said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. <sup>20</sup> And behold, you shall be silent and unable to speak until the day when these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their proper time."*

Luke 1:18-20 NAS

Do you believe God has a plan and purpose for the world? For your life?

## 3. Trust In God's Timing

*After these days Elizabeth his wife became pregnant, and she kept herself in seclusion for five months, saying, <sup>25</sup> "This is the way the Lord has dealt with me in the days when He looked with favor upon me, to take away my disgrace among men."*

Luke 1:24-25 NAS

Your answer to prayer may be right away or it may be sometime in the future. The key is can you trust God?

*Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.*

Luke 1:26-27 NAS

*For nothing will be impossible with God. Luke 1:37 NAS*

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