



## THE ANGEL & ZECHARIAH

### LUKE 1.5-25

#### THE \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ WAY TO SPEAK WITH AN ANGEL

- ◆ \_\_\_\_\_ question: “How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years” (Luke 1:18).
- ◆ One Paraphrase says: “Do you expect me to \_\_\_\_\_ this?”
- ◆ \_\_\_\_\_ and the ANGEL: “How will this be, since I am a virgin?” (v. 34) Later Mary says, “I am the Lord’s slave. May it be done to me according to your word” (v. 38).
- ◆ Zechariah wanted \_\_\_\_\_
- ◆ Mary wanted \_\_\_\_\_
- ◆ Both were facing the \_\_\_\_\_ or at least the \_\_\_\_\_ and had to respond to God’s call on their life.

**\_\_\_\_\_ STRONG BELIEVERS CAN  
STRUGGLE TO \_\_\_\_\_  
& \_\_\_\_\_ GOD'S PLAN  
FOR THEIR LIFE.**

- ◆ They were \_\_\_\_\_ Believers: Both of them were \_\_\_\_\_ in the sight of God, \_\_\_\_\_ all the Lord's commandments and regulations \_\_\_\_\_ . Luke 1.6
- ◆ She could not \_\_\_\_\_ a child & He could not \_\_\_\_\_ that God was actually working in their lives.
- ◆ Even with \_\_\_\_\_ of God's intentions, (Gabriel was right there), the \_\_\_\_\_ world blocks our \_\_\_\_\_ vision.

**BELIEVERS DON'T GET TO CHOOSE \_\_\_\_\_  
OR \_\_\_\_\_ PRAYERS ARE ANSWERED**

- ◆ "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; \_\_\_\_\_ prayer has been heard" Lk. 1.14
- ◆ They had been praying for a CHILD for a Long, Long Time. They may have even \_\_\_\_\_ praying believing it was too late for such an event to take place. They may have limited their prayers to what they saw as possible.
- ◆ We do not get to \_\_\_\_\_ the process God uses. We just need to be open to \_\_\_\_\_ God wants to do.

**GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_ ARE NOT LIMITED BY  
\_\_\_\_\_ BUT YOUR \_\_\_\_\_ ARE  
\_\_\_\_\_ BY GOD.**

- ◆ Zechariah was not ready to accept God's plan because it was outside of his \_\_\_\_\_ .
- ◆ God's response to us is designed to get us back on track: And now you will be \_\_\_\_\_ and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not \_\_\_\_\_ my words, which will come true at their proper time (v. 20).

- ◆ God was not going to be \_\_\_\_\_ by Zechariah's doubts.
- ◆ Zechariah was \_\_\_\_\_ till he could again \_\_\_\_\_ God's truth.

**GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_ IS DESIGNED TO GET US BACK  
WHERE WE NEED TO BE TO \_\_\_\_\_ HIM.**

- ◆ Zechariah was silenced for \_\_\_\_\_ because he had \_\_\_\_\_ the directions God had given him as an answer to prayer. <sup>2 Tim. 3.16-17</sup>
- ◆ Zechariah was a \_\_\_\_\_ of God. He should have \_\_\_\_\_ what God had done for Abraham and Sarah.
- ◆ Nine months of silence were a constant \_\_\_\_\_ of his lack of faith.
- ◆ God's goal is always to \_\_\_\_\_ us. Hebrews 12.11

**DOING GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_ IS THE PRESCRIPTION  
FOR REAL \_\_\_\_\_**

- ◆ It is always a \_\_\_\_\_ choice: "Before \_\_\_\_ was afflicted \_\_\_\_ went astray, but now \_\_\_\_ obey your word" (Psalm 119:67).
- ◆ They made signs to his father, to find out what he would like to name the child. He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone's astonishment he wrote, "His name is John." Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue was loosed, and he began to speak, \_\_\_\_\_ God (Lk. 1.62-65).

**A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS IS TIED DIRECTLY TO OUR  
\_\_\_\_\_ WITH GOD.**

- ◆ Our \_\_\_\_\_ in God's \_\_\_\_\_ will become God's \_\_\_\_\_ .