

Fear Not

Luke 1:5-24, 57-80

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Story of Zechariah & Elizabeth: Struggling to trust & believe God

- **Faith involves trusting God despite our current realities**

"When I am afraid, I will put my trust in you. I praise God for what he has promised. I trust in God, so why should I be afraid?" Psalm 53:3-4

- **Faith involves trusting God despite our lack of understanding**

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." Hebrews 11:1

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6

- **Faith involves waiting for God's timing and trusting His promises**

"Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!" Psalm 27:14

- **Faith involves trusting God to do what he can only do**

Jesus replied, "What is impossible with man is possible with God." Luke 18:27

Faith says, "I don't know how, but I will trust You anyway." It's not about suppressing emotions but about anchoring yourself in God's promises. Faith is being obedient to what you do know and what you can do then trusting God to do what we cannot do.

- **Faith involves continuing to pray despite not seeing results** – Luke 18

"...if we look forward to something we don't yet have, we must wait patiently and confidently." Romans 8:25

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done." Philippians 4:6

- **Faith involves believing that God know, cares, and promises good.**

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11

"Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you." 1 Peter 5:7

**Faith isn't the absence of uncertainties and doubts;
it's the decision to trust God despite them.**

Use the waiting period to deepen your prayer life, study the Word & His Promises.

- Keep trusting His heart even when you can't see His hand.
- Keep praying, keep hoping, and keep believing.
- Keep connected to others who will encourage your faith journey