



Zachariah and Elizabeth prayers for a child were answered at the most unexpected time. The announcement of their son John's birth by the angel Gabriel not only changed their lives but also set the stage for the coming of the Messiah. Their story serves as a testament to the power of God's timing and His ways of fulfilling His plans.

PART 1: RIGHT ON TIME

BIG IDEA

God's timing is always right.

SCRIPTURES

Luke 1:5-25

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What's your favorite thing about Christmas?
2. What are some reasons people might find the holidays to be difficult?
3. In the years Zechariah and Elizabeth spent praying for a child, what questions or doubts do you think they might have had about God? Have you ever had any of those questions or doubts?
4. Why do you think it was so difficult for Zechariah to believe the angel's message? How do you think you would have reacted?
5. Zachariah and Elizabeth's story is an example of waiting for God's timing. What personal experiences do you have about waiting on God's timing? How did these experiences impact your faith?
6. What are some reasons people today might have a hard time trusting God's timing?
7. Have you ever struggled to trust God was hearing or answering your prayers? Tell us about it.
8. Read Psalm 27:14. Has God ever answered a prayer after you'd been waiting for a while? If so, how did that impact your faith?
9. God's timing is always right. While we wait we can pray, remember God's faithfulness, and serve. How can we incorporate these principles in our daily lives? Which of these do you need to focus on most in this season? What step will you take this week to do that?



DAILY DEVOTIONALS

Day 1:

Bible Reading: Luke 1:5-7

Devotional: Today, let's focus on the story of Zachariah and Elizabeth. Just like them, you may be going through a season of waiting and unfulfilled promises. It's essential to remember that God's timing is perfect, even when it doesn't match our expectations. Reflect on the sermon and consider what God is teaching you during your waiting season.

Day 2:

Bible Reading: Luke 1:8-13

Devotional: Today, we dive into the story when Zachariah was chosen by lot to enter the sanctuary. It was here that he encountered an angel, announcing the answer to his prayers. As you read this passage, remember that God hears your prayers. In your reflection today, ponder on what prayers you have been waiting for God to answer.

Day 3:

Bible Reading: Luke 1:14-17

Devotional: Today, let's explore the promise given to Zachariah about his son, John. John was set apart, even before birth, to prepare the way for Jesus. Reflect on the sermon and consider how God has set you apart for His purposes. How is He calling you to prepare the way for His work in the world?

Day 4:

Bible Reading: Luke 1:18-22

Devotional: Today's reading reminds us that even when God's promises seem impossible, they will come to pass. Despite Zachariah's doubt, the promise of a son was fulfilled. Reflect on the sermon and consider any doubts you have about God's promises. Ask God to strengthen your faith and trust in His perfect timing.

Day 5:

Bible Reading: Luke 1:23-25

Devotional: Today, we read about Elizabeth's response to her pregnancy. She praised God for taking away her disgrace among people. In your reflection today, consider how God has turned your own situations around. Remember that no matter how bleak things seem, God can bring about a miracle in His perfect timing.