

In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. Read the account of the angel Gabriel's announcement to Zacharias in Luke 1:5-25, trying to put yourself in the place of Zacharias and Elizabeth. Identify and picture their feelings and responses. Their character and situation demonstrate again (as we saw with Job) that godliness does not guarantee the best or even good circumstances (5-7, 25).

Tuesday. The second lesson we considered on Sunday was that God's will is good. God was good and gracious in giving Zacharias and Elizabeth a son (13-15, 57-58). God's will in sending Jesus was good for all (76-79). Re-familiarize yourself with Romans 12:1-2. Are you in the *position* for knowing God's will today (1)? Are you following His *process* for experiencing it as good(2)?

Wednesday. Mature, godly people have questions and doubts. Zacharias and Elizabeth were righteous (6), but Zacharias "did not believe" Gabriel at first (18, 20). The key to dealing with doubts is to face them head on and to keep on trusting in God. Identify any troubling questions or doubts you have, and continue to work through them trusting in God.

Thursday. The last lesson we looked at on Sunday was that faithfulness completes the journey to praise. Despite shock and doubt, Elizabeth and Zacharias were faithful to God. They traveled from doubt to expectancy, and then to praise. In the busyness of Christmas or the problems and heartaches you have, continue to be faithful to God and He will lead you to praise.

Friday – Saturday. On Sunday we plan to look at the announcement to Mary. Read Luke 1:26-55 in preparation for our time together.

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Is Coming!



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"The Announcement To Zacharias"
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Luke 1:5-25, 57-80

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Highlights Of The Announcement.

1. Setting the scene. (5-9)
2. Something unexpected happens. (10-25)
3. So it was, until ... (57-80)

Principles From The Announcement.

1. Godliness does not guarantee the best or even good circumstances. (5-7, 25)
2. God's will is good. (13-17, 57-58, 76-79)
3. Mature, godly people have questions and doubts.
(5-20)
4. Faithfulness completes the journey to praise.
(13, 25, 57-69)

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