

# PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

## A Voice to Prepare Luke 1:5-25, 39-45, 57-66

Luke 1:5-7

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What we know about Zachariah and Elizabeth:

- Live in the years of silence.
  - Priests v5
  - From a small area v39
  - Righteous in God's eyes v6
  - Obedient & faithful v6
  - Childless v7
  - VERY old v7 (KJV – Stricken in years)
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### **Obedience in the Silence** –

This is something we need to **UNDERSTAND** and **LIVE**

Just because you do not hear the Lord

Just because your prayers seem to go unanswered

Does not give you permission to rebel or be disobedient.

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And it most certainly does not mean God is not at work.

Conditional faith is not faith at all

Hebrews 11:1-3 Now faith is **confidence** (**substance** – NKJ) in what we hope for and assurance about **what we do not see**. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that **the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible**.

James 2:19 – Demon Faith

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Luke 1:8-25

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### **Listen when He speaks** –

Gabriel brings words directly from God

His plans do not need to make sense to us, we just need to trust His Word

Elijah 1 Kings 19:11-14

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Gabriel has shattered the silence of the last 400 years, revealing the coming Messiah and the role that Zachariah, Elizabeth, and their son John will play.

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Luke 1:39-45, 55-66

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***Proclaim Joy in His Plan –***

V14-15 You will have great joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the eyes of the Lord.  
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V24-25 Soon afterward his wife, Elizabeth, became pregnant and went into seclusion for five months. “How kind the Lord is!” she exclaimed. “He has taken away my disgrace of having no children.”  
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V44-45 When I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy. You are blessed because you believed that the Lord would do what he said.”  
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V57-58 When it was time for Elizabeth’s baby to be born, she gave birth to a son. And when her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had been very merciful to her, everyone rejoiced with her.  
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Luke 2:8-11

That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord’s glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!”  
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Luke 2:20

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.  
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John’s role in this new chapter in history

Isaiah 40:3-5 John the voice preparing the way

Malachi 3:1 I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me.  
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***Obedience in the Silence, Listen to His Words & Proclaim Joy in His Plan***

***Don’t place your conditions on His plans!***