



# Sermon Notes

**Topic:** Say Yes to Faith

**Bible Passage:** Luke 1: 12-25

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## Study Guide Overview

- God promise's fill us with great hope (v12-14)
- But unbelief will soon rob us of our joy (v18)
- We can overcome this damaging doubt by being in the presence of God (v19)
- Otherwise, we are unable to function as His child (v20-21)
- Thankfully, God is always faithful despite our unbelief (v24-25)

## Small Group Questions/Discussions

Zechariah received an amazing promise from God, even in his old age, he would have a child. What are some of the key promises that you hold to in times of challenge? This was a significant time in history, the Messiah is soon to come. Why is it so important to know that God is still at work, right now, just as He was in Zechariah's life? God cannot lie, so He will be true to His word guaranteed. Why is faith in these promises so important – why does this change everything?

It should have been a great day for Zechariah. God will answer his prayer, and not only that, it is a once in a life time opportunity as the “serving priest” Yet Zechariah walks away sad. His unbelief robbed him of his joy. We know God is faithful, yet we often doubt. Share together the challenges of living by faith? Why had Zechariah given up on God answering his prayer? Zechariah was looking at life through human eyes. Why is this so dangerous? We often look at the material things in life, yet God's kingdom is primarily spiritual. Why will we be disappointed in God if we lose sight of this?

Gabriel had no doubt about God keeping His promise. Where did this confidence in God come from? How do we place ourselves in the presence of God every day? Gabriel could look back on God's faithfulness over and over again. He had seen things which enable him to never doubt. What has God done in your life in the past, that gives you confidence in the future?

Zechariah wasn't able to function as a priest, he could no longer speak. In what ways are we not able to function as a child of God, if we doubt God's faithfulness. How will unbelief shape our life?

Just as Gabriel had said, Zechariah and Elizabeth have a child. Not just any old son, but one who would be a major player in God's plan. God is faithful, despite our unbelief. Elizabeth says, “**The Lord has done this for me**” What has God done for you? Why is it important to understand that God blesses us despite of our lack of faith? Again, we are reminded, it is not so much how much faith we can rustle up, but more, who our faith is in. What is your response to a God who always keeps his promises? What is your response to a God who loves to bless? How will you overcome unbelief, because it always robs us of our joy?