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Do Not Fear Answered Prayers

Luke 1:5-25

While serving God in the temple, an angel appears to righteous Zechariah. The angel brings him good news, Zechariah's wife will have a baby. This baby is an answer to a lifetime of prayer. Yet, Zechariah doesn't believe the message, after all they are old and advanced in years. Just as Zechariah was, we too can be afraid of answered prayers.

Additional Verses:

Genesis 18

Psalms 50:10-11

Outline:

1. We set our expectations low to protect us from disappointment.

2. We look at our circumstances before we look to God.

3. We want more confirmation even when God has answered.

Study Questions:

1. Why is Luke 1:6 important? How does this help us understand the story?

2. Think of a time when you set your expectations too low. What happened? What did God teach you through that time?

3. Think of a time when you focused on circumstances instead of God. What happened? What did God teach you through that time?

4. Think of a time when you wanted more confirmation. What happened? What did God teach you through that time?

5. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?