

Feb. 18 - Scripture: Luke 1: 39-80

Observation: In this passage, God prevents Zechariah from speaking because he did not believe the great things the angel Gabriel had told him about his expectant son. When Zechariah demonstrates his belief and obedience to God by writing the given name of John on a tablet, he was able to speak. Through faith and obedience, God gave Zechariah his speech back and enabled him to praise and glorify God immediately.

Application: With faith and obedience, God will equip me with the tools I need to fulfill his high expectations of me to carry out his purpose.

My company is working through a leadership change and subsequent changes to our management structure. This has introduced a lot of stress into the work environment. Through faith and obedience, God has equipped me to share my faith with others, enabling me to demonstrate I am using God's word as my compass to help me navigate through these changes.

Prayer: Almighty Father, I place Your words on my heart, to remove my fears, anxieties, and irrational thinking. It is through Your word that You clarify Your purpose for my life. I rely on You to equip me with the skills, words, and courage to carry out the great things You have planned for me. I thank You for the gift of faith, and humble myself to you as I am not always obedient. Please continue to use me in ways that bring me closer to You and strengthen my faith. I ask for Your blessing, under grace given by You, through Your Son, my Lord, Jesus Christ.

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