

“Stations of the Nativity”
“THE JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME” Series
Message #1 of 7

“Waiting & Wondering”

God is making ready a people prepared just for Him.

Luke 1:5-25
December 1, 2019

1. FAITHFUL YET BARREN – (v.5-10)

“Both Zechariah and Elizabeth were upright in the sight of God, observing all the Lord’s commandments and regulations blamelessly, (yet) they had no children because Elizabeth was barren; and they were both well along in years.” (v.6-7)

- *Are you ready to let God work with your barrenness today?*

2. APPEARING YET FEARING – (v.11-12)

“Then the angel of the Lord appeared to Zechariah (v.11a) ... (yet) he was startled and was gripped with fear.” (v.12b)

- *Are you ready to be startled?*
- *What fear(s) do you have that God might want to enter into?*

3. PROMISE YET DOUBTING – (v.13-18)

“Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John (13b) ... (yet) how can I be sure of this?” (v.18a)

- *Are you ready to give God your doubting?*
- *Have you asked the Lord to show you how you can be ‘sure of this’?*

4. FAVORED YET SILENCED – (v.19-25)

“I have been sent to speak to you and tell you this good news (v.19b) ... (yet) now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens.” (v20a)

- *Are you ready to let God take your silence and give you a voice?*
- *Where does God want to show you His favor?*

“In these days the Lord has shown his favor and taken away my disgrace among the people.” – Elizabeth (Luke 1:25)

Isaiah 40:1-5

CONCLUSION: (verses 16-17)

BRING BACK ... to the Lord their God

TURN HEARTS ... of the fathers and the disobedient

MAKE READY ... a people prepared for the Lord

- *Are you ready for the Holy Spirit to do a new work in your life?*