

DECEMBER 25

“TRUST GOD, AND THERE WILL BE A SONG IN YOUR HEART.”

READ

Luke 1:5-64

Christmas is the most important thing that ever happened to the human race. God became a man. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son to save us from our sins. Because of God's love, Jesus came to save unlovable, lost people. In Luke, we see God's plan unfolding even before the manger in Bethlehem. An angel appears to a priest in the hills of Judah. He has come to tell Zacharias of his son John's conception: an answer to his prayers. Zacharias and Elizabeth were well-advanced in years, so they had been praying for a long time. You may have been praying about something for a long time, too. Don't give up. God always answers prayer. He just doesn't do things the way you think He will. God already has it planned out. Next, the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to tell her of God's plan. Mary travels to see Elizabeth. John leapt in Elizabeth's womb, and he and Elizabeth were both filled with the Holy Spirit. God did the impossible; two unlikely women were going to have babies. One was too young, the other was too old. One was a virgin, the other was barren. There is no set pattern with God, so don't try to box Him in. Trust God, and like Mary, there will be a song in your heart.

PRAY

Dear Heavenly Father, on this day of gift giving, I celebrate the greatest gift of all, Your Son, for me. What can I give You in return? Me. The gift that pleases You is a humble and repentant heart.

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