

# Benedictus: The Song of Zechariah

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**Tabletalk** *(For family devotions and Life Group discussions)*

**Text:** Luke 1:5-23; 67-79

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## Introduction:

- The forgotten carols of Christmas
- The forgotten characters of Christmas

## A. ZECHARIAH'S PREDICAMENT (v. 5, 7)

1. The background of Zechariah's life
2. The basis of our predicament
  - a. Divine purpose
  - b. Demonstration of God's power
  - c. Dependence on God

## B. ZECHARIAH'S POSTURE (v. 6, 8-10)

1. Zechariah maintained his character
2. Zechariah kept God's commandments
3. Zechariah committed in prayer

## C. ZECHARIAH'S PRAISE (v. 11-17)

1. God's answer is specific
2. God's answer is direct
3. God's answer is gigantic

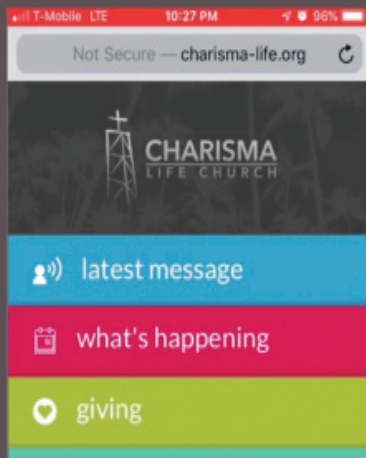
## Conclusion:

1. Zechariah and Elizabeth were a blessed couple coming from a reputable priesthood family, and yet there was something missing in their lives. What does this reality reveal about our lives as children of God?
2. Read Luke 1:6 and describe the different attitudes of Zechariah despite being barren? How do these attitudes contribute to God's answer in our predicament?
3. Read Luke 1:8-10. How important is the topic of prayer in this text (people, venue, practice, frequency, etc.) to what Zechariah is about to receive as God's answer?
4. Read Luke 1:11-17. What did Zechariah receive in direct and specific answer to his prayer? Describe the prophecy of John's role as a forerunner of the Messiah and share what we can learn about Zechariah's example.
5. Share with the members of your Life Groups an area in your life that you can relate like Zechariah that needs a lot of prayer and patience. Close the meeting by praying for one another.

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of the week  
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### Gloria En Excelsis Deo

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Pastor Fred Mendoza - Dec 21/Dec 22

### Te Deum

#### The Song of the Redeemed (Revelations 5:9-12)

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