



CHRISTMAS WITH FAITH

¹⁸Zechariah said to the angel, How can I be sure this will happen? I'm an old man now, and my wife is also well along in years. ¹⁹Then the angel said, I am Gabriel! I stand in the very presence of God. It was he who sent me to bring you this good news! ²⁰But now, since you didn't believe what I said, you will be silent and unable to speak until the child is born. For my words will certainly be fulfilled at the proper time. ²¹Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah to come out of the sanctuary, wondering why he was taking so long. ²²When he finally did come out, he couldn't speak to them. Then they realized from his gestures and his silence that he must have seen a vision in the sanctuary. ²³When Zechariah's week of service in the Temple was over, he returned home. ²⁴Soon afterward his wife, Elizabeth, became pregnant and went into seclusion for five months. ²⁵How kind the Lord is! she exclaimed. He has taken away my disgrace of having no children." [Luke 1:11-25](#) nlt

Introduction:

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¹Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." [Hebrews 11:1](#)

¹⁸I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people."
[Ephesians 1:18](#) niv

1. _____.

¹⁴Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son." [Genesis 18:14](#)

³⁷For with God nothing will be impossible." [Luke 1:37](#)

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⁵⁸And so he did only a few miracles there because of their unbelief."
[Matthew 13:58](#) nlt

"²²Then Jesus said to the disciples, Have faith in God. ²³I tell you the truth, you can say to this mountain, May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea, and it will happen. But you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart. ²⁴I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you've received it, it will be yours." [Mark 11:22-24 nlt](#)

3. _____.

"¹⁶So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most." [Hebrews 4:16 nlt](#)

"²⁹Then he touched their eyes and said, According to your faith let it be done to you."
[Matthew 9:29 niv](#)

"³⁰It was by faith that the people of Israel marched around Jericho for seven days, and the walls came crashing down." [Hebrews 11:30 nlt](#)

"²⁰ Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us," [Ephesians 3:20](#)

4. _____.

"²⁰For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding Yes! And through Christ, our Amen (which means Yes) ascends to God for his glory."
[2 Corinthians 1:20 nlt](#)

"³By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence." [2 Peter 1:3 nlt](#)

"¹³PAnd since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, ¹⁴knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you."
[2 Corinthians 4:13-14](#)

"²⁴Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds." [John 12:24 niv](#)

Conclusion:

"⁶And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him." [Hebrews 11:6 nlt](#)