

Expect God to Act

Luke 1:5-25

December 2, 2018



What
do you
Expect?

Read & Reflect

1. Read Luke 1:5-25

- How would Zechariah and Elizabeth be regarded in that society?
- Israel had not heard from God (in a manner of speaking) since the prophet Malachi, some 500 years before this story. What might be some of the parallels between Zechariah and Elizabeth's situation and the people of Israel in general?

Explore

2. What were some of your childhood expectations for Christmas? How have they changed over the years?
3. Are what you expect and what you hope for the same? What do you think others observing your life would say about where your hope lies?
4. How much of your life is oriented toward the expectation that Christ will come again?
5. Where in your life in this Christmas season do you think you could block out time for silence to reflect on your expectations for God to fulfill your life?

Pray:

- Praise God that he continues to act in our world, praise him for his faithfulness.
- Pray for one another in the dreary parts of life where there is nothing to expect. Pray for courage and the trust to dare to expect God to act.
- Pray that in this Christmas season we won't lose sight of the great expectation for Christ to return.