



# Message



**‘In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah... Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him...’  
(Luke 1:5, 11)**

**Waiting when God is silent**

**‘Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord’s commands...blamelessly. But they were childless because Elizabeth was not able to conceive, and they were both very old.’ (Luke 1:6-7)**

**Waiting when God is silent**

**‘Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord’s commands...Once when Zechariah’s division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God...’  
(Luke 1:6, 8)**

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**'But the angel said to him: 'Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son...He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. ' (Luke 1:13, 16)**

Waiting then God speaks



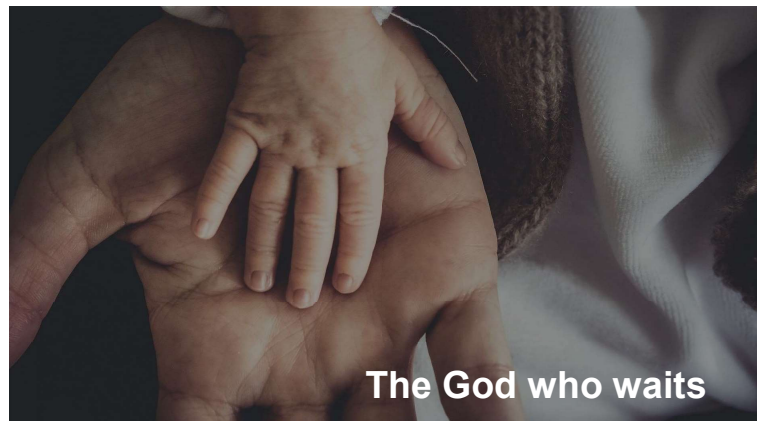
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God speaks

**'All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful...' (2 Timothy 3:16)**

**'In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets...but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son...' (Hebrews 1:1-2)**

**'Zechariah asked the angel, 'How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well on in years.'**  
**(Luke 1:18)**

Waiting then God speaks



The God who waits


**'When Israel was a child,  
I loved him,  
and out of Egypt I called my son.  
But the more they were called,  
the more they went away from me.'**  
(Hosea 11:1-2)

**'And [John] will go on before the  
Lord, in the spirit and power of  
Elijah...to make ready a people  
prepared for the Lord.'**  
(Luke 1:17)

**The God who waits and acts**

**'we wait for the blessed hope – the  
appearing of the glory of our great  
God and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who  
gave himself...to purify for himself  
a people that are his very own...'**  
(Titus 2:13-14)

**The God who waits and acts**



**Waiting when God is silent  
Waiting then God speaks  
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Luke 1:5-25