

# *Elizabeth: Lessons on Grace and Faith from the Life of an Older Woman (Message Listener Guide)*

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## Part 1: From Barrenness to the Place of Blessing

1. Elizabeth's name means:

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2. Revival is not based on anything we can do, but on what God has

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3. Zacharias' name means:

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4. No matter how hopeless your situation may seem, God has a message for you—a message of \_\_\_\_\_, a message of \_\_\_\_\_, and a message of reproach turned to \_\_\_\_\_.

5. Elizabeth and Zacharias had a position of ministry, but even more important was their \_\_\_\_\_ of observing all the Lord's commands, which

was consistent with their position.

6. A woman who is walking with God creates a \_\_\_\_\_ where her husband can meet God's qualifications for Christian leadership.

- What kind of climate are you creating in your home?
- Are you a whiner? Demanding or discontent? Rebellious or independent?
- Don't underestimate the power of your Christian walk!

7. Elizabeth longed for a child, a sign of God's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in the Hebrew culture.

8. God is not as concerned about our life working out for us, as He is our \_\_\_\_\_, and our conformity to the image of Christ.

9. Elizabeth's barrenness did not shake her \_\_\_\_\_ in God.

10. Elizabeth's barrenness became an \_\_\_\_\_ through which God would ultimately be glorified.

11. One definition of revival is: God bringing something back to \_\_\_\_\_ that looked like it has no \_\_\_\_\_ of living again.

12. We will always have \_\_\_\_\_ longings this side of heaven.

- It's not wrong to have unfulfilled longings.
- It is wrong to demand that God fulfill them here and now.
- It is wrong to fulfill those longings ourselves by taking \_\_\_\_\_.

13. According to Elisabeth Elliott, our unfulfilled longings are material for \_\_\_\_\_, because they give us something to offer God.

## Part 2: Finding Joy in Sensitive Service

1. Nothing in your life is chance. It is all \_\_\_\_\_ by God.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ the sovereignty of God, even in the details of your life that seem to be chance.
3. When God sends revival, it's always a \_\_\_\_\_ work.
4. Weeping may endure for a night, but \_\_\_\_\_ comes in the morning.  
God remembers . . . and He is \_\_\_\_\_ reliable!
5. Being a wife and mother is a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ calling.
6. Elizabeth was in the stream of the unfolding of the \_\_\_\_\_ plan of God.
7. Elizabeth, as the mother of John the Baptist, had to be willing to be an \_\_\_\_\_ woman.
8. John would be an instrument of revival for God's people. He would ". . . make \_\_\_\_\_ a people prepared for the Lord."
9. Elizabeth had to be \_\_\_\_\_ to let God deal with her husband in His own way.
  - Let God be God in your husband's life.
  - Don't try to \_\_\_\_\_ your husband from the cross.
  - Don't \_\_\_\_\_ God how to deal with your husband.
  - God wants to turn your husband into a "man of God" more than you do!
10. Be alert to the \_\_\_\_\_ of your life.
11. During the last trimester of Elizabeth's pregnancy, we can assume that she was instructing Mary. What kinds of things do you think she shared as she

mentored Mary in the ways of God?

12. Elizabeth was \_\_\_\_\_-conscious.

13. Who is seeking you out . . . knocking at your door? Who can you commit to mentoring in the days ahead?

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### Part 3: A Woman's Role in Revival

1. If you are going to raise children who are instruments of revival, you've got to be \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Elizabeth was controlled, guided, and filled with God's Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ she spoke words that edified and blessed.

3. Elizabeth affirmed Mary with the \_\_\_\_\_ of childbearing.

4. She encouraged Mary to \_\_\_\_\_ God for the \_\_\_\_\_.

5. One key to revival is a woman's contribution: the birthing and nurturing of life, and then passing on \_\_\_\_\_ to the next generation.

6. Elizabeth's relatives and neighbors heard how God has shoed her great mercy in ending her barrenness, and her reproach was turned to \_\_\_\_\_.

7. When Elizabeth named her child, she was one with her husband in

\_\_\_\_\_ God. She carried out what was in Zacharias' heart—what God had told her husband.

8. God wants us to get the \_\_\_\_\_ of what it will be like when He opens heaven and comes down in revival.

9. Not only did Elizabeth birth a child, she had to be willing to \_\_\_\_\_ the child up for God's purposes.

- Are you willing to release your children to the will of God?
- Remember: it's not about us; it's about God's \_\_\_\_\_ in this world.

10. Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_ herself, and God fulfilled His purposes in and through her life.

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