

Solutions For Life's Problems:

How To Get Through What I'm Going Through

Luke 1. 5,7 During the rule of Herod, King of Judea, there was a priest assigned service in the regiment of Abijah. His name was Zachariah. His wife was descended from the daughters of Aaron. Her name was Elizabeth... **7** But they were childless because Elizabeth could never conceive, and now they were quite old

1. Don't give in

Luke 1.6 (NIV) Together they lived honorably before God, careful in keeping to the ways of the commandments and enjoying a clear conscience before God.

Jn. 14.23-24 (NIV) "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. **24** He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

2. Keep on keeping on

Luke 1.8-9 (NIV) Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense.

2 Peter 1. 5-7 (NIV) ... make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love.

3. Don't quit Praying

Luke 1.13 (NIV) "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John.

1 Thess. 5.16-18 (NIV) Be joyful always; **17** pray continually; **18** give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

James 5.13,16 (NIV) Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray... The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

4. Believe God has the answer

Luke 1.18-20,24 (NIV) Zechariah asked the angel, "How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years." **19** The angel answered, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. **20** And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their proper time." ... **24** After this his wife Elizabeth became pregnant

Ro. 8.28 (NIV) And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.