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Scripture: Luke 57-66.

Title: Encounter Peace in Zechariah's Prophecy (How to have peace in the midst of things we don't understand).

Introduction: Zechariah was an elderly priest, who lived under an oppressive Roman government. While he was in the temple, an angel told him that his wife, Elizabeth, would have a son, who would introduce the Messiah to the world. Zechariah couldn't believe it, so the angel took away Zechariah's ability to speak. Nine months later, his son, John, was born. Zechariah was able to talk again. His doubt turned into happiness, and he sang a song of encountering peace in his life.

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Lessons from Luke 1:57-66.

How Can I Be **SURE** of God's Promises?

Ever since the beginning of time, it is hard to be sure of anything in life.

Our relationship with God is characterized by faith and mystery, not certainty.

DOUBT is a natural element of our **FAITH**

It is okay to doubt, but don't let it go too far. Doubt is a natural element of our faith, and we should not lose hope when we have doubts.

Faith is an act of **TRUST**

Zechariah was **SILENCED** by Gabriel because he didn't **BELIEVE**.

Sometimes silence is the appropriate response to an **ENCOUNTER** of peace with God.