

**RIGHT TALK**  
**ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE**

Luke 1:57-80  
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**1. LET THEM \_\_\_\_\_**

<sup>57</sup> Now the time had come for Elizabeth to give birth, and she had a son.

<sup>58</sup> Then her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her his great mercy, and they rejoiced with her. <sup>59</sup> When they came to circumcise the child on the eighth day, they were going to name him Zechariah, after his father. <sup>60</sup> But his mother responded, “No. He will be called John.” <sup>61</sup> Then they said to her, “None of your relatives has that name.” <sup>62</sup> So they motioned to his father to find out what he wanted him to be called. <sup>63</sup> He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, “His name is John.” And they were all amazed. <sup>64</sup> Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue set free, and he began to speak, praising God. <sup>65</sup> Fear came on all those who lived around them, and all these things were being talked about throughout the hill country of Judea. <sup>66</sup> All who heard about him took it to heart, saying, “What then will this child become?” For, indeed, the Lord’s hand was with him. Luke 1:57-66

<sup>13</sup> But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, because your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. Luke 1:13

<sup>21</sup> The Lord’s hand was with them, and a large number who believed turned to the Lord. Acts 11:21

**2. BE READY TO \_\_\_\_\_**

<sup>67</sup> Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied: <sup>68</sup> Blessed is the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has visited and provided redemption for his people. <sup>69</sup> He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, <sup>70</sup> just as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets in ancient times; <sup>71</sup> salvation from our enemies and from the hand of those who hate us. <sup>72</sup> He has dealt mercifully with our ancestors and remembered his holy covenant—<sup>73</sup> the oath that he swore to our father Abraham. He has given us the privilege, <sup>74</sup> since we have been rescued from the hand of our enemies, to serve him without fear <sup>75</sup> in holiness and righteousness in his presence all our days. Luke 1:67-75

<sup>13</sup> Who then will harm you if you are devoted to what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you should suffer for righteousness, you are blessed. Do not fear them or be intimidated, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, ready at any time to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you. 1 Peter 3:13–15

<sup>29</sup> Peter and the apostles replied, “We must obey God rather than people.

<sup>30</sup> The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had murdered by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup> God exalted this man to his right hand as ruler and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

<sup>32</sup> We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.” Acts 5:29–32

**3. HOW \_\_\_\_\_ A WAY**

<sup>76</sup> And you, child, will be called a prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, <sup>77</sup> to give his people knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins. <sup>78</sup> Because of our God’s merciful compassion, the dawn from on high will visit us <sup>79</sup> to shine on those who live in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. <sup>80</sup> The child grew up and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel. Luke 1:76–80

<sup>3</sup> A voice of one crying out: Prepare the way of the LORD in the wilderness; make a straight highway for our God in the desert. Isaiah 40:3

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 5:1

<sup>9</sup> If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> One believes with the heart, resulting in righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, resulting in salvation. Romans 10:9–10