

LIVING FAITH

LUKE 1:57-80

- **Living faith recognizes God's AUTHORITY.**

Luke 1:57-63

- **Living faith contemplates and responds to God's WORD.**

Luke 1:64-67

- **Living faith PROCLAIMS the salvation of God.**

Luke 1:68-80

- God fulfills all His PROMISES.

Luke 1:68-73

- God gives us a new way to SERVE Him through forgiveness.

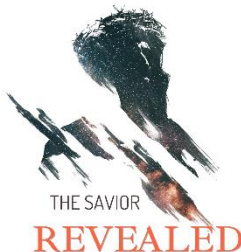
Luke 1:73-75

- God worked in history to PREPARE the way for salvation.

Luke 1:76-77

- God HIMSELF came to save us, giving us light and peace.

Luke 1:78-79



FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. How would you describe the difference between having a living faith and a faith on cruise control? When have you had times in your life when your faith fell into cruise control?
2. Read Luke 1:57-67. What does Zechariah's response show you about his faith? What does the family's response show you?
3. Read Zechariah's burst of praise in Luke 1:68-79. What stands out to you about this prayer? What are the emphases and the main focuses?
4. How can we proclaim the salvation of God in a way that honors God and encourages those around us?
5. How does God give us a new way to serve Him now that we're forgiven through Jesus sacrifice (1:74-75; see Romans 8:1-4)?
6. How do you understand John's role in light of Luke 1:76-77, John 1:26-31, John 3:30? Why was it necessary for him to prepare the way?
7. What are some ways that we underappreciate the light we have in the New Testament as compared to those who lived in the Old Testament?
8. Read Luke 1:78-79 and Luke 1:68. What theme sandwiches this prayer? How do you understand the significance of this?