#### Pastor Debbie Fischer ~ December 18th & 19th, 2021

When Herod was king of Judea, there was a Jewish priest named Zechariah. He was a member of the priestly order of Abijah, and his wife, Elizabeth, was also from the priestly line of Aaron. Zechariah and Elizabeth were righteous in God's eyes, careful to obey all of the Lord's commandments and regulations. They had no children because Elizabeth was unable to conceive, and they were both very old. Luke 1:5-7 (NLT)

One day Zechariah was serving God in the Temple, for his order was on duty that week. As was the custom of the priests, he was chosen by lot to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and burn incense. While the incense was being burned, a great crowd stood outside, praying. While Zechariah was in the sanctuary, an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the incense altar. Zechariah was shaken and overwhelmed with fear when he saw him. But the angel said, "Don't be afraid, Zechariah! God has heard your prayer. Your wife, Elizabeth, will give you a son, and you are to name him John. Luke 1:8-13 (NLT)

## THE LORD REMEMBERS...

## 1. YOUR \_\_\_\_\_.

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. <u>Hebrews 10:23</u> (NIV)

#### This Christmas unwrap the gift of \_\_\_\_\_.

Zechariah said to the angel, "How can I be sure this will happen? I'm an old man now, and my wife is also well along in years." Then the angel said, "I am Gabriel! I stand in the very presence of God. It was he who sent me to bring you this good news! But now, since you didn't believe what I said, you will be silent and unable to speak until the child is born. For my words will certainly be fulfilled at the proper time." Luke 1:18-20 (NLT)

2. YOUR \_\_\_\_\_.

But now, since you didn't believe what I said, you will be silent and unable to speak until the child is born. Luke 1:20 (NLT)

This Christmas unwrap the gift of \_\_\_\_\_.

3. YOUR \_\_\_\_\_.

This Christmas unwrap the gift of \_\_\_\_\_.

We have been rescued from our enemies so we can serve God without fear, in holiness and righteousness for as long as we live. Luke 1:74-75 (NLT)

# **Daily Bible Readings**

Mon-<u>Luke 1:68-79</u>//Tue-<u>John 1:6-9</u>

Wed-<u>Hebrews 11:11-12</u>//Thu-<u>2 Timothy 3:16-17</u>

Fri-1Timothy 4:12//Sat/Sun-Genesis 22:1-14

#### Memory Verse:

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. <u>Hebrews 10:23</u> (NIV)

Join us online or in-person next week for one of our special Candlelight Christmas Eve services:

# CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE TIMES:

Wednesday, December 22nd @ 7:30pm

Thursday, December 23rd @ 7pm & 8:30pm

Friday, December 24th @ 5:30pm, 7pm & 11pm