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PART ONE · *THE ARRIVAL OF HOPE*

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What do these people
share in common?

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share in common?

What should all of them
share with us?

What in this person's life
reflects something God wants
to show me about my own?

In what ways do I mirror—
or resist—their example?

You are being invited
into significant,
kingdom-shaping work.

Turn with us to LUKE 1:17

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him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. ¹² And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. ¹³ But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. ¹⁴ And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, ¹⁵ for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. ¹⁶ And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, ¹⁷ and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared."

¹⁸ And Zechariah said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." ¹⁹ And the angel answered him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. ²⁰ And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time." ²¹ And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they were wondering at his delay in the temple. ²² And when he came out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple. And he kept making signs to them and remained mute. ²³ And when his time of service was ended,

→ John's calling is my calling!

LUKE 1:17b

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...a people prepared

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LUKE 1:6

And they were both righteous
before God, walking blamelessly
in all the commandments and
statutes of the Lord.

LUKE 16:10

“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much...”

LUKE 1:17a

...to turn the hearts of the fathers
to the children, and the disobedient
to the wisdom of the just

Our lives should mirror
the life of John the Baptist:
the way we live should
be counter-cultural.

PROVERBS 14:12

There is a way that seems right to a man,
but its end is the way to death.

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Our lives should mirror
the life of John the Baptist:
We must be willing to be rejected
and persecuted for our faith.

JOHN 15:18-19

¹⁸ “If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you.

¹⁹ If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

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