

The background of the image shows a close-up of a hand holding a piece of white, frayed fabric. A gold ring is visible on one of the fingers. Overlaid on this is the word 'LUKE' in large, bold, serif capital letters. The letters are filled with a gradient of colors: 'L' is yellow and orange, 'U' is orange and red, 'K' is red and purple, and 'E' is blue and white. The overall tone is warm and hopeful.

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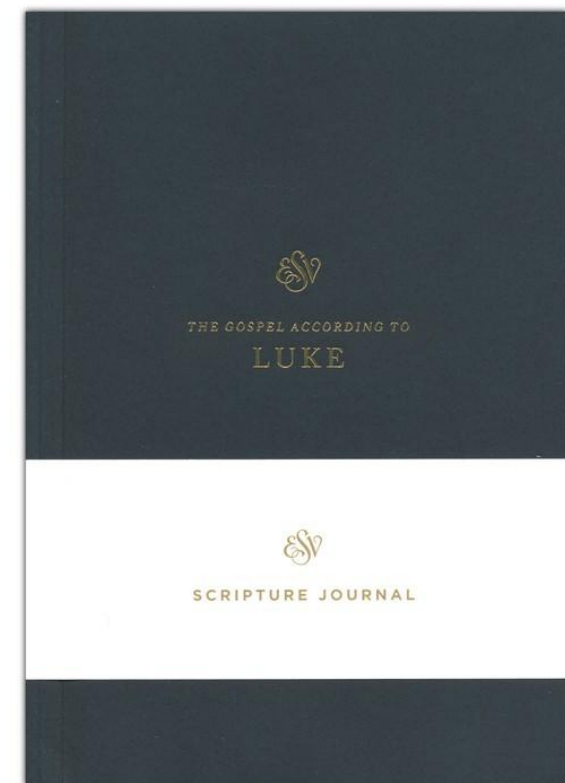
Unmet expectations
often trigger a crisis.

Doubt is birthed in
the disappointment
of failed expectations.

That space between
what we hoped for and
what we actually live
through is holy ground.
It is the space where
spiritual giants are forged.

Turn with us to LUKE 7:18-35

Found on page 54 in your
journal or page 863 in the
Bible under your seat.



LUKE 7:18-35

¹⁸ The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, ¹⁹ calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?”

LUKE 7:18-35

²⁰ And when the men had come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?’”

LUKE 7:18-35

²¹ In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. ²² And he answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard:

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the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them.²³ And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

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²⁴ When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?

LUKE 7:18-35

²⁵ What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings' courts.

LUKE 7:18-35

²⁶ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

²⁷ This is he of whom it is written, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.’

LUKE 7:18-35

²⁸ I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

²⁹ (When all the people heard this, and the tax collectors too, they declared God just,

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having been baptized with the baptism of John, ³⁰ but the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected the purpose of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him.)

LUKE 7:18-35

³¹ “To what then shall I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like? ³² They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another,

LUKE 7:18-35

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“We played the flute for you,
and you did not dance;
we sang a dirge, and
you did not weep.’

LUKE 7:18-35

³³ For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, 'He has a demon.'

³⁴ The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say,

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‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’
³⁵ Yet wisdom is justified by all her children.”

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LUKE 7:26-28a

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Are you really the one?

LUKE 7:22

“Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them.”

ISAIAH 35:5-6

⁵ Then the eyes of the
blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the
deaf unstopped;

ISAIAH 35:5-6

⁶ then shall the lame man
leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the
mute sing for joy.
For waters break forth
in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert...

ISAIAH 26:19

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Your dead shall live;
their bodies shall rise.
You who dwell in the dust,
awake and sing for joy!

ISAIAH 29:18-19

¹⁸ In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see.

ISAIAH 29:18-19

¹⁹ The meek shall obtain
fresh joy in the Lord,
and the poor among
mankind shall exult in
the Holy One of Israel.

ISAIAH 61:1

The Spirit of the
Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord
has anointed me to bring
good news to the poor;

ISAIAH 61:1

he has sent me to bind up
the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty
to the captives,
and the opening of the prison
to those who are bound

“The Parable of the Bratty Children”

LUKE 7:31-32

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We expect God to
respond to our music.



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