

Luke 1:5-25 (Pt. 2)
"O For Grace to Trust You More"

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A) Sinful self-reliance as illustrated in Matthew 26:26-36

B) Insufficient faith via "ask not/have not" principle as taught in Matthew 7:7-11

C) *Going through the right motions w/o exercising the muscles of faith* as illustrated in Acts 12 and Luke 1:18.

To help us understand the *meaning* of Luke 1:5-25 and in effort to drive home its *significance* we'll utilize the following 6 Headings: (we covered 1-3 last Sunday)

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| 1) | Luke 1:5-6 |
| 2) | Luke 1:7-10 |
| 3) | Luke 1:11-17 |
| 4) | Luke 1:18 |

For Further Reflection/Application:

How is your prayer life? Is it constant? (1 Thess. 5:16-17; Matt. 26:36-26). Our *anemic* prayer lives often expose our sinful self-reliance.

How are trials blessings in disguise? (2 Cor. 12:7-10)

“We have not because we ask not”...and sometimes *we ask not* because we lack the faith to believe; (note Matt. 7:7-11).

Scripture also warns of a subtler danger of *going through the right motions w/o exercising the muscles of faith!* Compare Acts 12 with Luke 1:18. When is the last time you caught yourself serving, singing, praying, evangelizing, or worshipping God while on “autopilot”? In other words, you caught yourself just going through the motions.

Related Biblical Texts:

Matthew 7:7-11; 26:36-46; Mark 9:14-24; Luke 1-2; Luke 1:37/Matthew 19:26/Jer. 32:17; Luke 16:27-31; 18:1-8; Ephesians 3:20.