

**TIRED OF ALL THIS...  
Living as People of Hope**

*Luke 1*

*But they were childless because Elizabeth was not able to conceive, and they were both very old.* Luke 1.7

Despite being faithful and sincere God-followers, Zechariah and Elizabeth had experienced a life of perceived divine displeasure and public disgrace. No doubt they were tired of all this....

But God was about to crash into their world with the good news that they were going to have a son (John the Baptist) who would turn many people’s hearts to the Lord. After John’s birth, Zechariah broke out into song that reflected their attitude from doubt and disgrace to hope.

Zechariah’s song reminds us of our Hope as Christ-followers:

- God is with us. v68
- Our sins are forgiven. v77
- We are redeemed and been given salvation. v68-69
- We are free to serve God without fear. v74
- God will guide us through these times. v79

**Tired of all this...**

**...but 5 Ways to Live as People of Hope in this World:**

1. Remember, this is not **ALL THERE IS**.

*Everyone who heard this wondered about it, asking, “What then is this child going to be?” For the Lord’s hand was with him.* v66

Revelation 21.1-5

2. Start off by **PRAISING GOD** often.

*“Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them.* v68

*I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.* Psalm 46.2

3. Focus on God’s **MERCY** and show it to **OTHERS**.

*...because of the tender mercy of our God... v78*

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*

Lamentations 3.22-23

4. Be a person of **GOOD NEWS**.

*...to shine on those living in darkness...v79*

5. Be a **SIGNPOST**. Point people **TO JESUS**.

*And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him... v76*

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**What is God saying to me?**

**What am I going to do about it?**