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Zechariah's Song

Luke 1:67-80

⁶⁷His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:

⁶⁸"Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people.

⁶⁹He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David ⁷⁰(as he said through his holy prophets of long ago), ⁷¹salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us—

⁷²to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, ⁷³the oath he swore to our father Abraham: ⁷⁴to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear ⁷⁵in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

⁷⁶And 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, ⁷⁷to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins,

Jesus came to bring
l_____ to those in
d_____

⁷⁸because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven

⁷⁹to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace."

⁸⁰And the child grew and became strong in spirit; and he lived in the desert until he appeared publicly to Israel.

Jesus came to bring
f_____ to those in
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f_____ to those in
s_____

Next Steps

Take time this week to personally reflect on the themes contained in Zechariah's Song. Read the following passages slowly, thoughtfully and prayerfully:

Monday: "In Christ, I have freedom from captivity"
Romans 6:15-18

Tuesday: "In Christ, I have freedom from captivity"
John 8:31-36

Wednesday: "In Christ, I have forgiveness for sin"
Psalm 32

Thursday: "In Christ, I have forgiveness for sin"
Luke 15:11-31

Friday: "In Christ, I have light in my darkness"
Ephesians 4:17-24

Saturday: "In Christ, I have light in my darkness"
Isaiah 9:1-7