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IT IS BETTER TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE

- **G = Give Praise In The Midst Of Problems**
- **I = Invest In Others When The Opportunity Comes**
- **V = Value Faith Over Sight**
- **E = Elevate Everyone You Encounter**

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GIVE PRAISE IN THE MIDST OF PROBLEMS

Luke 2:1-20

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CHOOSE TO GIVE PRAISE IN THE MIDST OF PROBLEMS

- Zechariah Had Problems
- Zechariah Had An Opportunity
- Zechariah Made A Choice

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Psm 27:4 One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

5 For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.

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Heb 13:15 Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise-- the fruit of lips that confess his name.

16 And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

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DON'T BE SURPRISED WHEN GOD ANSWERS YOUR PRAYERS

- Learn to be Patient: Wait on God
- Be Prepared: Live expectantly
- Confidence: Rest assured God hears you

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Heb 5:7 During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

Ps 40:1 I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry.

2 He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

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He said, "Daniel, you who are highly esteemed, consider carefully the words I am about to speak to you, and stand up, for I have now been sent to you." And when he said this to me, I stood up trembling.

12 Then he continued, "Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them.

13 But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia.

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UNDERSTAND THAT OBEDIENCE UNLOCKS BLESSING

- 1:19-20 You didn't believe...Can't speak
- 1:63 His name is John
- 1:64 IMMEDIATELY he could speak
- 1:67-79 Song of praise to God

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TODAY...

- Praise in the midst of problems
- Worship ANYWAY
- Take your next step of obedience
- Accept Christ: ABC

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