GOD, HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN?

LUKE 1:5-19 | ERIC SIMPSON | NOVEMBER 29, 2026

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Seasons of the church calendar…

Lent = place God's ways, and not our appetites, as the guiding principles for our lives

Pentecost = be filled with God's life because the Spirit has been poured out

Ordinary time = see God in the mundane, everydayness of life

Advent = look back at all the ways God has *already* delivered on His promises and look ahead at the promises *not yet* fulfilled

Luke 1:5-7
5 In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. 6 Both of them were upright in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commandments and regulations blamelessly. 7 But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren; and they were both well along in years.

- **Faithfulness and Feeling Forgotten**

Meeting Jesus in the unfiltered honesty of your unfulfilled longings.

Luke 1:8-10
8 Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, 9 he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. 10 And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside.

- **Continued Faithfulness and God's Alignment**

Proverbs 16:33
The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the Lord.

chronos = how we mark time in minutes, hours, days (our time)
kairos = God-appointed time

Luke 1:11-15
11 Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. 12 When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. 13 But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John. 14 He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, 15 for he will be great in the sight of the Lord.

- **Continued Faithfulness and Unexpected Encounter**

Zechariah = Yahweh has remembered again

Mystery isn't the absence of meaning but the presence of more meaning than we can comprehend.

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