



# *Enlisted*

Elizabeth - God's Unexpected Hero  
*Luke 1:5-7, 24-25, 39-45, 57-66*

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1. **Realize** \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.5-7)

2. **Be** \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.24-25)

3. **Get** \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.39-45)

4. **Utilize** \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.57-66)

# Application Questions

*These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others*

1. Read **Acts 14:21-22**. What is the risk involved in attempting to "strengthen the souls of the disciples" by only underscoring the joys and blessings of following Christ?
2. Read **James 1:2-4**. Identify a previous season of pain in your life that you can now see was used by God to prepare you to be "lacking in nothing" as you faced a challenge or ministry opportunity that followed.
3. Read **Galatians 6:9**. What are some of the "good" things you are tempted to give up on when you are having to endure difficulties? What kind of "reaping" might we forfeit if we do give up on those "good" things?
4. Read **2 Corinthians 4:17-18**. What are some of the practical ways you can seek to maintain an "eternal perspective" when you encounter "afflictions" in your Christian life?
5. Read **2 Corinthians 1:3-7**. Describe a couple of ways you believe your recent trials can be parlayed into positive ministry and encouragement to others.

## **The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:**

Go to [ESV.org](http://ESV.org) (Reading Plans: Though the Bible) for schedule prompts.

**November 11<sup>th</sup>**

*Lam.3-5 & Heb.8*

**November 12<sup>th</sup>**

*Ezk.1-3 & Heb.9*

**November 13<sup>th</sup>**

*Ezk.4-6 & Heb.10:1-23*

**November 14<sup>th</sup>**

*Ezk.7-9 & Heb.10:24-39*

**November 15<sup>th</sup>**

*Ezk.10-12 & Heb.11:1-19*

**November 16<sup>th</sup>**

*Ezk.13-15 & Heb.11:20-40*

**November 17<sup>th</sup>**

*Ezk.16 & Heb.12*

**November 18<sup>th</sup>**

*Ezk.17-19 & Heb.13*

*The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website ([FocalPointMinistries.org](http://FocalPointMinistries.org)).*

Msg. # 07-18 – **Trusting God When Hope Seems Lost**

Msg. # 07-24 – **Looking Past the Pain to the Prize**

Msg. # 02-34 – **Why God Doesn't Make All Your New Years "Happy"**

Msg. # 10-16 – **A Biblical Perspective on a Fallen World**

Msg. # 10-15 – **Why Being Heavenly-Minded Does a World of Good**

*Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.*

Alcorn, Randy. **Heaven**. Tyndale House Publishers, 2004.

Bonar, Horatius. **Night of Weeping: When God's Children Suffer**. Christian Focus Publications, 1999.

Carson, D. A. **How Long, O Lord? Reflections on Suffering & Evil**. Baker Books, 1990.

Hefley, James and Marti. **By Their Blood: Christian Martyrs of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century**. Baker Books, 1996.

Hutchinson, John. **Thinking Right When Things Go Wrong: Biblical Wisdom for Surviving Tough Times**. Kregel, 2005.

MacArthur, John. **Anxious for Nothing: God Cares for the Cares of Your Soul**. Victor Books, 2006.

Mack, Wayne. **"It's Not Fair!" Finding Hope When Times are Tough**. P & R Publishing, 2008.

McKeehan, Toby and Mark Heimermann. **Jesus Freaks: Stories of Those Who Stood for Jesus**. Albury Publishing, 1999.

Pritchard, Ray. **An Anchor for the Soul: Help for the Present, Hope for the Future**. Moody Press, 2000.

Sanders, Oswald. **Spiritual Leadership**. Moody Press, 1980.

St. James, Rebecca. **Sister Freaks: Stories of Women Who Gave Up Everything for God**. FaithWords, 2005

Tada, Joni Eareckson. **Heaven: Your Real Home**. Zondervan, 1997.

Water, Mark, ed. **The New Encyclopedia of Christian Martyrs**. Baker Books, 2001.

Wiersbe, Warren, ed. **Classic Sermons on Suffering**. Kregel Publishing, 1984.