

# Getting Better Acquainted With Your Heavenly Father

## 4 Facts About Our Heavenly Father – Luke 1: 5 – 38

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### Sermon Discussion Guide

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1. When have you had the experience of longing for something for years?

Luke begins his story of Jesus, who is extraordinary, by introducing some very ordinary people. They lived in a small, second-rate country occupied by imperial Rome. They held no position of power, yet God chose to reveal Himself to and through them. Through the events that were about to take place, they most certainly became better acquainted with the Heavenly Father. There were at least four facts they could have taken away from their encounters. These four facts help us know God more fully as well:

- God answers prayers according to His time-table.
  - God has a sense of humor.
  - God has angels at His service.
  - God likes people.
2. As you read Luke 1:5 – 38, note the verses you find these four facts.
  3. Fact One: God answers prayers according to His time-table. How well did Zechariah and Elizabeth handle the frustration of living under God's time-table? (1:6, 13, 25)
  4. What long-term frustration can you identify in your life that needs to be entrusted to God?
  5. Fact Two: God has a sense of humor. How did God demonstrate in the lives of these two people that He is sovereign? (1:18)

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6. In what surprising ways might God want to use you today?
  
7. Fact Three: God has angels at His service. What facts can we note about angels from the information in this passage? (1:11-12, 19)
  
8. Fact Four: God likes people. (1:30, 34-38) What do you think Zechariah, Elizabeth, and Mary felt during those extraordinary days?
  
9. How can you strengthen your realization that God is in control of the events of your life because He likes you?
  
10. What is one take away from this passage that you will apply in your life this week?