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haste...” – Luke 1:39

3rd Sunday of Kiahk



St. Mary visits Elizabeth

- “Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah, and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth.” (Lk. 1:39-40)
- “Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord.” (Lk. 1:45)

»»» Movements of Faith



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- Ex: Jacob before meeting Esau
- The movements of faith in our life are orchestrated by the Holy Spirit for our engagement with God for our transformation.

1. Gifts

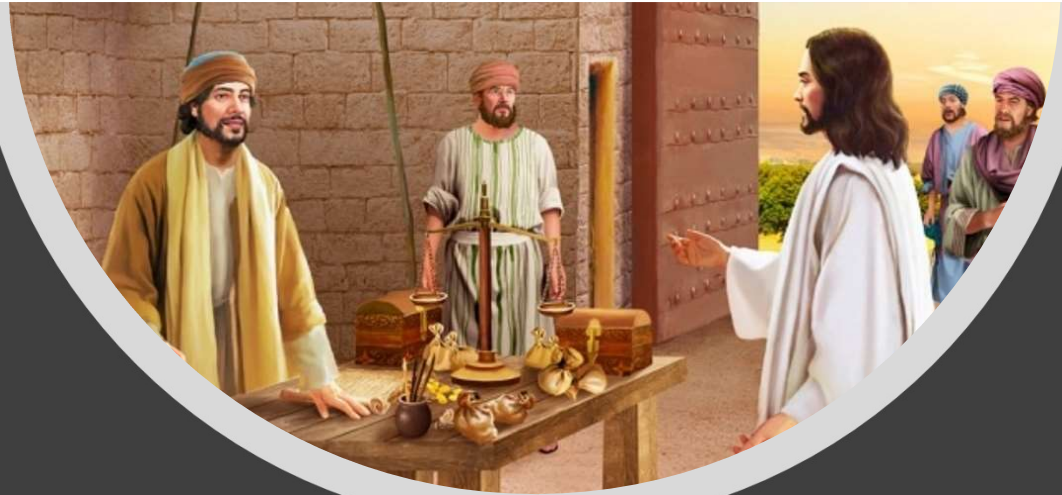
- “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.” (Jam. 1:17)
- “As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.” (1 Pet. 4:10)



2. Invitations

A. Invitation to Serve

- Ex: St. Matthew
- Ex: Isaiah
- “Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me." (Is. 6:8)



2. Invitations

B. Invitation for Prayer

- “Let me see your face, Let me hear your voice; For your voice is sweet, And your face is lovely.” (SS 2:14)

C. Invitation to His meal

- The Eucharist



3. Trials and Hardships

- Ex: Tobit
- “Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory...”
(2 Cor. 4:16-17)





4. Response to our Prayers

- Ex: Hannah
- Prayer is a means of communion with God





5. Absence

- Sometimes His “absence” is a movement of faith
- Ex: Zachariah and Elizabeth
 - “And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.” (Lk. 1:6)