



# Daily Reflections

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## Scripture

**Luke 1: 57-66, 80**

When the time arrived for Elizabeth to have her child she gave birth to a son.

Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy toward her, and they rejoiced with her.

When they came on the eighth day to circumcise the child, they were going to call him Zechariah after his father,

but his mother said in reply, "No. He will be called John."

But they answered her,

"There is no one among your relatives who has this name."

So they made signs, asking his father what he wished him to be called.

He asked for a tablet and wrote, "John is his name," and all were amazed.

Immediately his mouth was opened, his tongue freed, and he spoke blessing God.

Then fear came upon all their neighbors, and all these matters were discussed throughout the hill country of Judea.

All who heard these things took them to heart, saying, "What, then, will this child be?"

For surely the hand of the Lord was with him.

The child grew and became strong in spirit,

and he was in the desert until the day of his manifestation to Israel.

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## **Our Scripture Reflection**

What's in a name? For Zechariah and Elizabeth it was an act of surrender to the will of God. John was the name to be given to their baby according to the message of the Angel Gabriel and so that is the name they gave him. Today's Gospel text underscores two important points:

1. Zechariah and Elizabeth and obedient to God's plan for them.
  2. God is actively involved in human history. Why? Because He loves us.
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## **Food for your Journey**

Lynda and Don Walker, publishers of the brand new Christian Family Magazine, are reluctant to take credit for the quarterly publication. "We haven't done this at all; the Lord did it," said Mrs. Walker. "I got the vision for the cover while I was in church. God let me know all at once the articles that needed to be in there."

--From The Dallas Morning News, cited in "God Publishes Own Magazine," The Door, May-June 1997, 44.

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Heavenly Father, You are always close to Your people even though at times we distance ourselves from You. You love us and want our salvation. Touch our hearts this day, Lord, and help us to realize how true Peace comes only when our hearts are united to Your heart. Amen