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GOD WITH US

Week 1 | When Hope Speaks Again

PRAYER

Jesus, thank You that You break the silence with Your presence. As we open Your Word, awaken our hearts again to the kind of hope that only comes from You. Lead us into truth, and guide our conversations by Your Spirit. Amen.

OPENING QUESTION (OPTIONAL)

Share a moment in your life when what felt like a long silence eventually became a breakthrough.

WORD

68 “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has visited and redeemed his people
69 and has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David,
70 as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
71 that we should be saved from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us;
72 to show the mercy promised to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant,
73 the oath that he swore to our father Abraham,
74 to grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,
might serve him without fear,
75 in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.
76 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
77 to give knowledge of salvation to his people
in the forgiveness of their sins,
78 because of the tender mercy of our God,
whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high
79 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

- Luke 1:68–79 (ESV)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Which perspective do you naturally lean toward—and why?
2. Where have you felt the “weight of silence” lately?
3. What fears has God been inviting you to surrender?
4. What does Zechariah’s story teach us about how God prepares His people?
5. Where do you sense Jesus guiding your feet “into the path of peace”?

REFLECTION

Every believer will face seasons where God feels silent.
The difference is not the silence—

The difference is the perspective you choose.

- Perspective 1 keeps you stuck in the dark.
- Perspective 2 positions you to see the sunrise.

Hope doesn’t resurface because we try harder.

Hope rises because **Jesus visits His people.**

In this prophetic song, Zechariah declares that God has broken centuries of silence by visiting His people. Jesus is revealed as the long-awaited sunrise—bringing redemption, forgiveness, guidance, and peace. This passage invites us to see silence not as absence, but as preparation; not as abandonment, but as the setup for God’s decisive intervention in Christ.

When we face seasons of silence, we tend to lean toward one of two ways of seeing it: either we feel the weight of silence—showing up but expecting little, guarding ourselves from disappointment, letting cynicism become a shield, and assuming God’s quietness means His distance—or we see silence as a setup, recognising it as a refining space where God works beneath the surface, forming something in us that we’re not yet ready to carry, shaping our faith with quiet confidence that His timing is intentional.

Closing Prayer

Lord, thank You for being the God who breaks silence with light.
Lift the weight from every heart that has been carrying quiet disappointment.
Where cynicism has grown, plant hope.
Where silence has felt heavy, let preparation take its place.
Jesus, guide our feet into Your path of peace,
and let Your sunrise break over every night we face.
Amen.