

SERMON NOTES

4th Sunday of Advent, Year C * December 19, 2021

Sermon by the Reverend Tom Rutherford

Micah 5:2-5a * Canticle 15, BCP 91 * Hebrews 10:5-10 * Luke 1:39-55

Faith

Most of us are people of magnificent F_____!

Why are we so F_____full?

Faith is NOT just "B_____" it's A_____ based on our belief.

Faith is like a M_____:

God chose Elizabeth and Mary because they were women, not only of

F_____, but also F_____.

Elizabeth:

Mary:

Which is better?

Mary: "I am the Lord's S_____. Your will be done."

Elizabeth: "Blessed are you who B_____ what God says, and D___ it."

Next Week's Lessons

Isaiah 61:10-62:3 * Psalm 147 * Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7 * John 1:1-18

Chewing on Our Daily Bread

Questions for conversation with your family, Home Group, or a friend

1. What is a gift you're excited about GIVING this Christmas? Why?
2. Faith is not merely "belief;" it's "action based on our belief." What is something you've done "in faith" recently – something you did because of your belief in Jesus?
3. "Faithfulness" is acting on our belief repeatedly and consistently. What is an area of your life in which you are faithful – that you repeatedly and consistently do the right thing or avoid the wrong thing? How did you develop the habit of that faithfulness? And how do you maintain it?
4. What is an area of your life in which you would like to be more faithful? How would you like God to help you grow that way?
5. PRAY:
 - ✦ Thanking God for that part of your life that is faithful.
 - ✦ For God to help you grow more faithful, as you mentioned in #4 above.
 - ✦ For any needs in your group.