

Thought for the day - Wednesday 3rd March 2021

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It was really interesting to watch and listen to David Suchet reading Mark's Gospel last Thursday, and it would be interesting to see him reading Luke's Gospel. The pace is much slower in Luke! I have been reading it during the last few days, and I have only just finished chapter 1. Luke pauses after each significant event to give us a perspective from those affected by what God is doing. We see great joy from Mary and Elizabeth.

This morning I was reading Zachariah's song - also known as the Benedictus. It is a great song of praise, grateful thanks that he and his wife Elizabeth are going to have a child in their old age, and the role this child will play in God coming to save and liberate his people.

I would encourage us to take a few moments to read it here - [Luke 1:67-80](#)

I was struck by the phrase - *and to enable us to serve him without fear* in verse 74.

This is the calling for all of us who follow Jesus. And this is the purpose of God's saving act by Jesus death and resurrection. To free us to serve God without fear. This is light that shines in the darkness, this is life that fills the lifeless - verse 79.

May that light shine deeply in us and may that life fill us.

Serving is linked very closely to loving.

What does it mean for you to serve God without fear today?