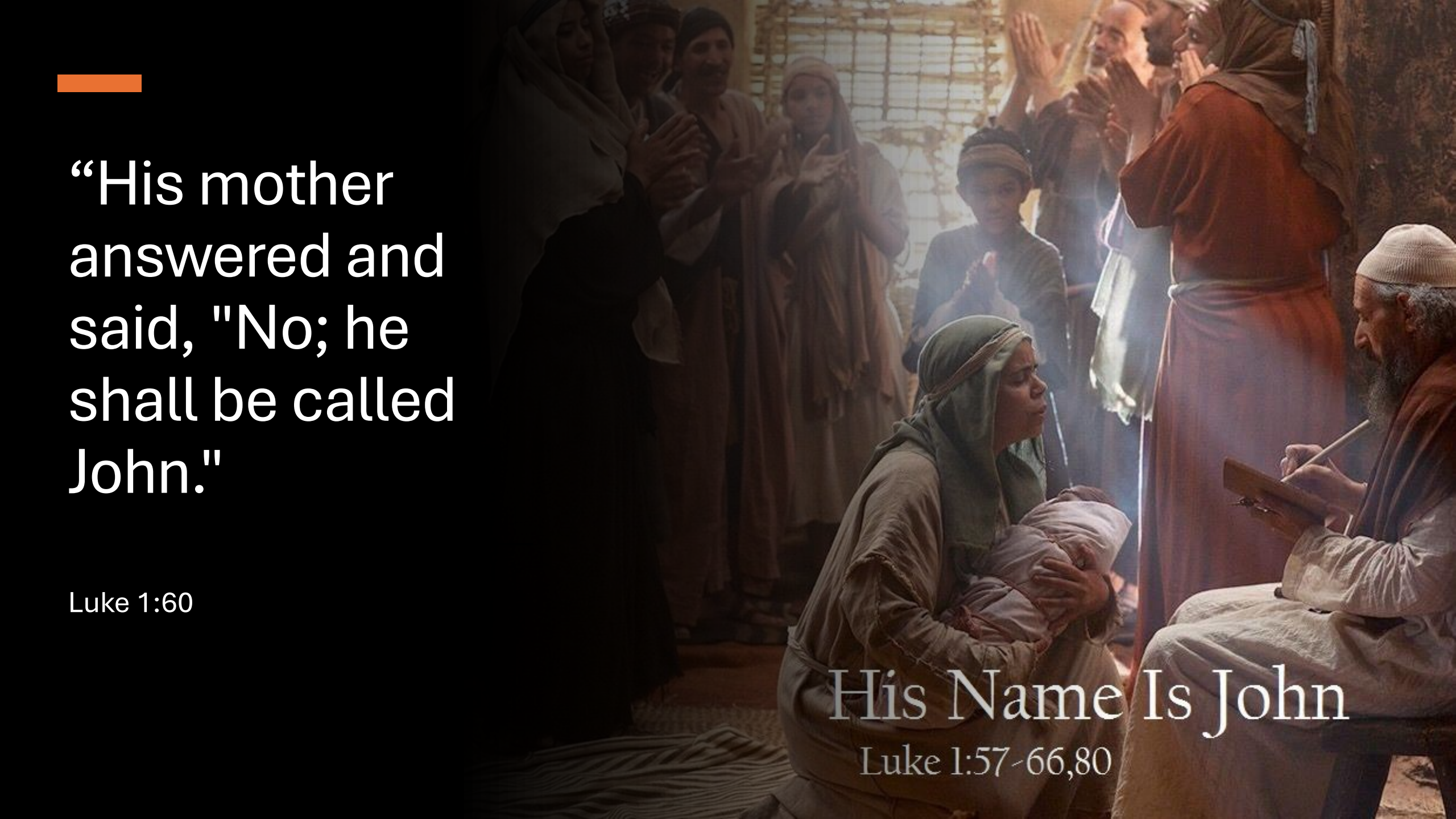




“His mother
answered and
said, "No; he
shall be called
John."

Luke 1:60

His Name Is John
Luke 1:57-66,80

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Submitting to God

4th Sunday of Kiahk

Preparing to Submit to God

Faith in God's love

- “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine...you were precious in My sight, You have been honored, And I have loved you...”
(Is. 43:1-4)



Trusting in God's Providence

- *"The beginning of submission is trust, for without trust, the heart cannot yield."* (St. Augustine)
- EX: Joseph the Righteous



Willingness to Obey

- EX: King Saul
- "Today the Lord has accomplished salvation in Israel."
(1 Samuel 11:13)



Living a life of submission

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Seek God Through Prayer

- Zacharias prayed in the temple and encountered God's plan.
- EX: Abraham



Remember God's previous work with you

- “Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.” (Matt. 6:34)

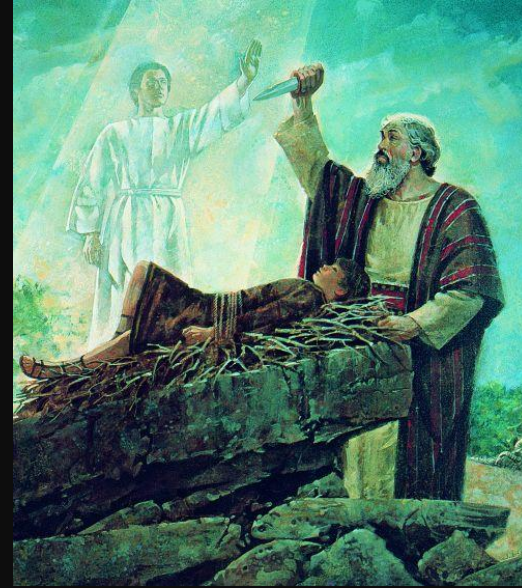


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Faithfully take action

- Oftentimes in submission, there is an element of ambiguity.
- EX: St. Peter
- EX: Abraham
- EX: Noah



Obstacles to true submission

Pride

- “Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before fall.” (Prov. 16:18)



Fear of the future

- EX: Saul
- “When I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that you did not come within the days appointed, and that the Philistines gathered together at Michmash, then I said, ‘The Philistines will now come down on me at Gilgal, and I have not made supplication to the LORD.’ Therefore I felt compelled, and offered a burnt offering.” (1 Sam. 13)



Busyness

- Now therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: “Consider your ways! “You have sown much, and bring in little; You eat, but do not have enough; You drink, but you are not filled with drink; You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm; And he who earns wages, Earns wages to put into a bag with holes.” (Hag. 1:5-6)
- “You looked for much, but indeed it came to little; and when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why?” says the LORD of hosts. “Because of My house that is in ruins, while every one of you runs to his own house. (Hag. 1:9)

The blessings of submitting to God

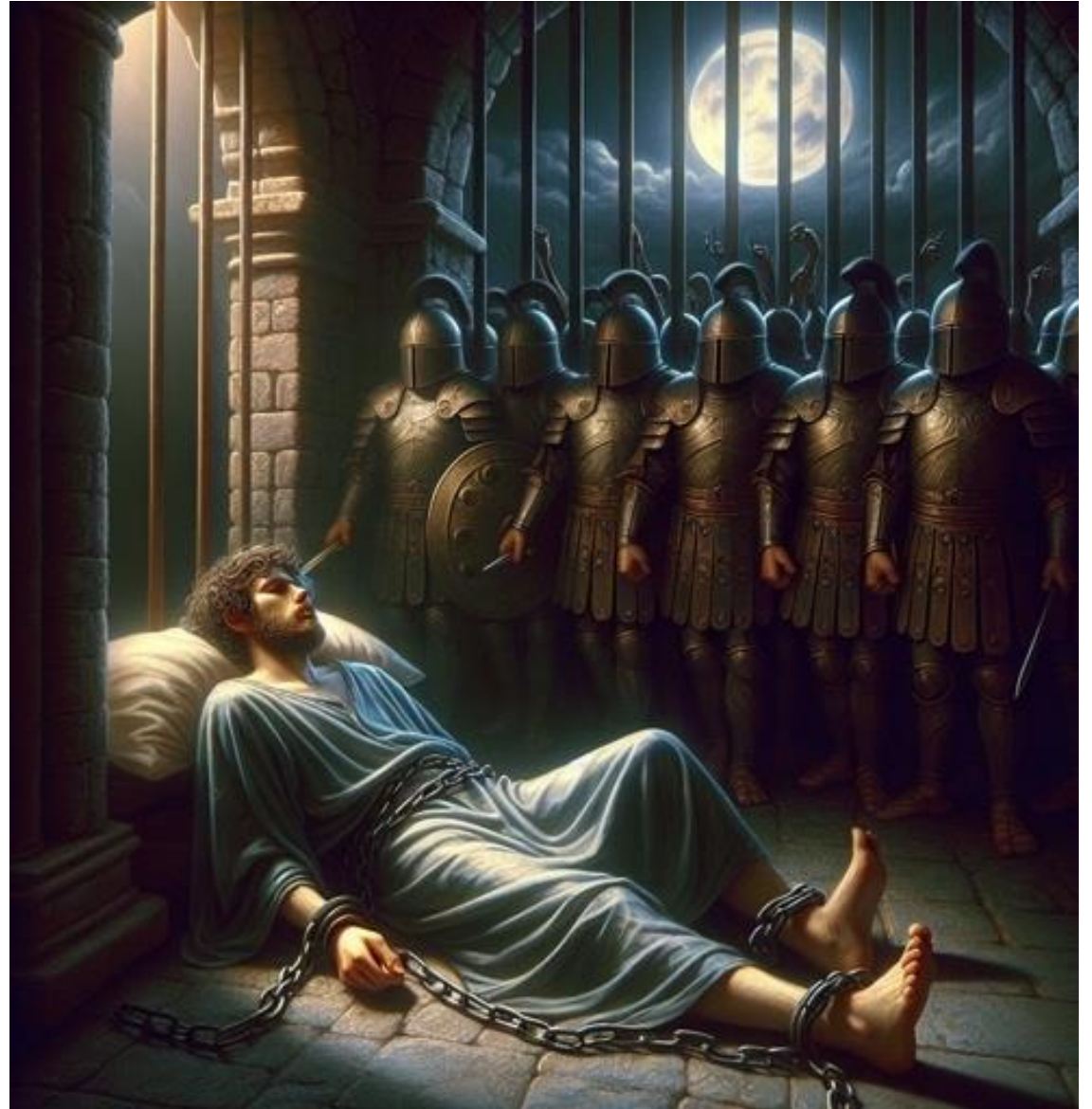


Live in faith

- “Many times they have warred against me from my youth. And yet they have not prevailed against me.” (Ps. 128 LXX)
 - “Though an army should fight me, my heart shall not be afraid: though war should rise up against me, in this I am confident.” (Ps. 26 LXX)
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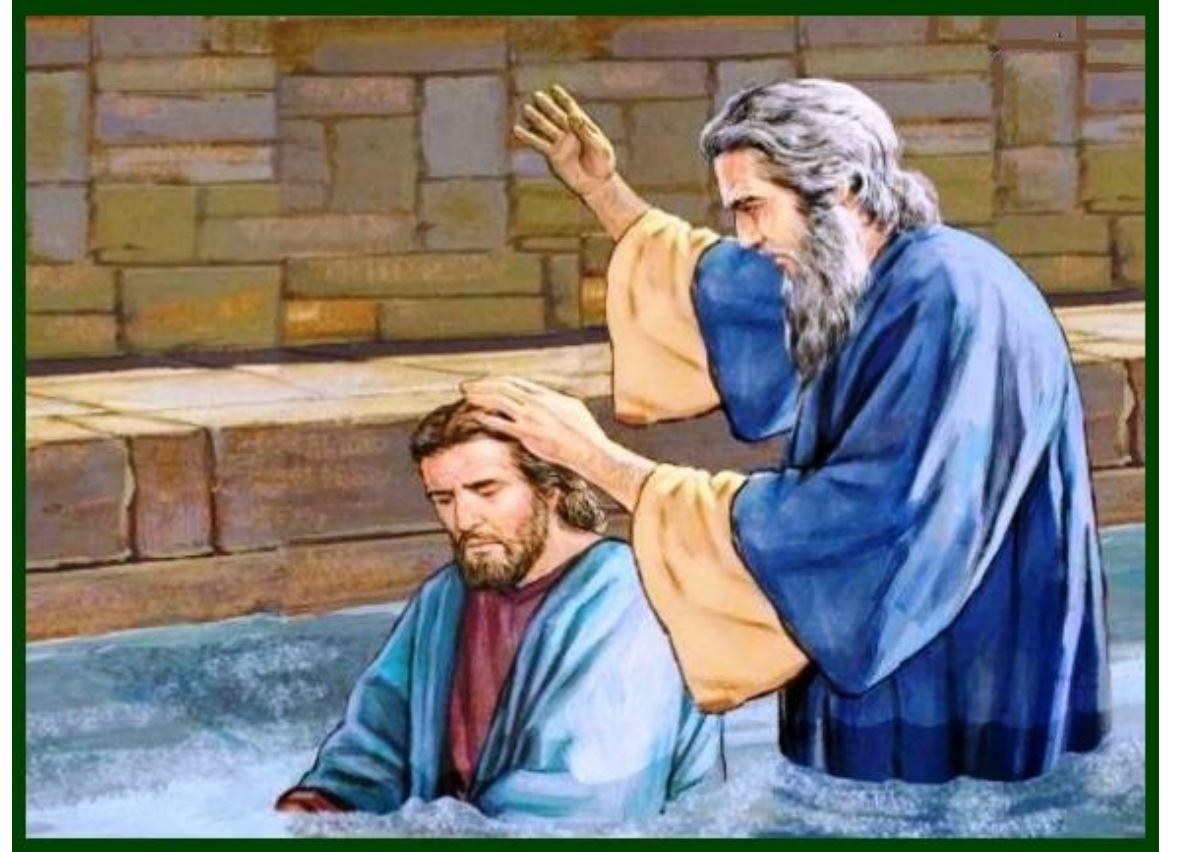
Live without fear

- St. Peter in prison
- “And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were keeping the prison.” (Acts 12:6)



Fulfill God's work

- EX: Conversion of St. Paul



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