

# **CONNECTED**

## **Part 2: The Believing Connection**

### **BUILDING BETTER CONNECTIONS**

#### **A. Regarding relationships**

1. Listen - actively
2. Express gratitude - for what you do have instead of focusing on what you don't have
3. Celebrate - be happy when someone else has a win

#### **B. A better connection with God (*Romans 1:16-17 NKJ*)**

1. The initial connection with God is believing - believe He is real and believe His gospel
2. Same principle applies to building on that connection - believing His word in your life

### **A CONTRAST IN CONNECTIONS**

#### **A. Zacharias' Disconnect (*Luke 1:13-14; 17-20 NKJ*)**

1. Great news came his way
2. Zacharias had the wrong response
3. Gabriel's response

#### **B. Mary's connection (*Luke 1:30-31; 34-38 NKJ*)**

1. She had a different question to the good news
2. Gabriel's response
3. Mary's excellent response

### **MAKING THE BELIEVING CONNECTION**

#### **A. Don't talk yourself out of God's goodness**

1. Never speak against what you are praying for
2. Speak life about your situation (*Proverbs 18:21 NKJ*)

#### **B. Identify or re-identify with God**

1. What do you say about your relationship with Him?
2. Speak in line with your relationship (*Acts 27:23 NKJ*)

#### **C. Receive His promises to you**

1. Not "how do I know this is true?"
2. Let it be in my life according to your word
3. Things will change as you make the believing connection