



## Unexpected Challenge

### Luke 1:39-45

Week 3 – Floris UMC  
December 12-18

**Daily Devotional** <https://www.florisumc.org/messages/daily-lift/>  
**Sunday Sermon Video** [www.FlorisUMC.org/Advent-Study](http://www.FlorisUMC.org/Advent-Study)  
Sunday sermons will be posted on the website by Monday morning.

### Prayer

God help me to pause, to recognize your Holy Spirit in the breath I take. Help me to realize you are ever present with me in the challenges of life. You are my rock, my salvation and your love endures forever!

### Questions for Reflection

- What does happiness look like in your life? Is happiness tied to expectations?
- Consider your disappointments, what factors are really under your control?
- How are you blessed?
- Have you or do you have a situation that is requiring faith? Does knowing God wants to prosper you give you hope and a sense of peace?
- Consider what challenges are before you. How do you see God providing? Is your hope in God alone or outcomes and situations?

### Go Deeper

- Attend the Darkness to Light service at Floris UMC on Thursday, December 16,
- Read and contemplate on Jeremiah 29:11  
<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=jeremiah+29%3A11&version=NRSV>
- Meditation [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=otzvXH\\_WHfM&t=320s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=otzvXH_WHfM&t=320s)
- Listen and read the lyrics to the Advent hymn "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" by Charles Wesley

