

Sermon Title: Magnify the Lord
Sermon Series: The Christmas Story by Luke
Scripture: Luke 1:39-56
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Luke 1:39-56 ESV

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Mary’s Song of Praise: The Magnificat

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For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

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and holy is his name.

50 And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

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he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;
52 he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;
53 he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
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in remembrance of his mercy,
55 as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

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Magnify

Microscope & Telescope

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*We are not called to be microscopes. We are called to be telescopes.
Christians are not called to be con-men who magnify their product out of all
proportion to reality, when they know the competitor's product is far superior.
There is nothing and nobody superior to God. And so the calling of those who
love God is to make his greatness begin to look as great as it really is.*

—John Piper

Magnify God by

He's

and Bringing

The brain has a hard time distinguishing between that which is familiar and that which is true

—Daniel Kahneman

You won't Magnify God like a telescope unless you let him define himself in your circumstances