

## Luke 1:39-55: God's Promises

### **Luke 1:39-55** (NIV)

<sup>39</sup> At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, <sup>40</sup> where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. <sup>42</sup> In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! <sup>43</sup> But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup> As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup> Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!" <sup>46</sup> And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord <sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, <sup>48</sup> for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, <sup>49</sup> for the Mighty One has done great things for me— holy is his name. <sup>50</sup> His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. <sup>51</sup> He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. <sup>52</sup> He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. <sup>53</sup> He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. <sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful <sup>55</sup> to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors."



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## Discussion Questions

### **Luke 1:39-55: God's Promises**

1. Which one of these promises from God do you most struggle to believe and why?: Your sin is forgiven. Jesus will never leave you. Jesus will return.
2. **Read Luke 1:41-44.** about the significance of Elizabeth calling Mary 'the mother of my Lord'? What reason is given on how Elizabeth knew this?
3. Take a moment to read Luke 1:6, 9, 11, 15, 16, 17, 25, 28, 32, 38 and answer this question: Up until verse 43, who is **Lord** speaking of in Luke's Gospel? Based on this usage so far, how should **Lord** in verse 43 be understood and why is that important?
4. **Read Luke 1:45-49.** What can we learn from young Mary's faith, gratefulness, & humility - to apply in OUR lives?
5. **Read Luke 1:50-55.** How does Mary's knowledge of God's Word help her to trust His future promises? How might YOUR knowledge of God's Word help YOU to trust His future promises?
6. **Behave like you Believe God's promises are true.** What carries more weight - what we SAY we believe or what we SHOW we believe (behavior)? Explain your answer.
7. Ask how you can pray for one another. Then do it!