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Elizabeth’s Song of Blessing!

*Luke 1:39-45*

A. The Blessing of the Joy of Others (*Joy of Humility*) v41-43

* How do you Respond when others are blessed?
* Do you Rejoice? Romans 12:15
* Or do you become Jealous and Envious?
* Elizabeth had wanted a Child for so long
* She experienced the tragedy of Barrenness
* Some women become Bitter but not Elizabeth; she rested in God’s Goodness and Faithfulness
* How does Elizabeth respond to Mary’s Announcement?
* She overflows with Joy and Blessing for Mary; v42-43

B. The Blessing of the Joy of Salvation (*Joy of Christ’s Coming*) v43-44

* When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, Two things happened
* Elizabeth’s unborn baby Leaped in her womb
* She was Filled with the Holy Spirit
* When Jesus comes, He makes a Difference in your life
* Happiness is dependent upon Outward circumstances
* Joy is a Gift from Jesus; “With joy, you will draw water from the Wells of Salvation”; Isaiah 12:3

C. The Blessing of the Joy of Belief (*Joy of Faith*) v45

* Even in times of great Faith, we could use a little Encouragement
* In spite of a Life-Changing announcement, Mary had great Faith; she Surrendered herself completely to the Lord’s will
* What a great encouragement Elizabeth’s words to her must have been: “Blessed is she who has Believed that what the Lord has said to her will be Accomplished!”
* Today’s assignment: Hold on to God’s Promises by Faith

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