



# Daily Reflections

**May 31, 2017**

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## Scripture

### **Luke 1: 39-56**

Mary set out  
and traveled to the hill country in haste  
to a town of Judah,  
where she entered the house of Zechariah  
and greeted Elizabeth.  
When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting,  
the infant leaped in her womb,  
and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,  
cried out in a loud voice and said,  
"Most blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.  
And how does this happen to me,  
that the mother of my Lord should come to me?  
For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears,  
the infant in my womb leaped for joy.  
Blessed are you who believed  
that what was spoken to you by the Lord  
would be fulfilled."  
And Mary said:

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him  
in every generation.  
He has shown the strength of his arm,  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.  
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
the promise he made to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his children for ever."  
Mary remained with her about three months  
and then returned to her home.

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## **Our Scripture Reflection**

After having received the announcement of her holy conception of Jesus, Mary made a beeline to visit her cousin Elizabeth in order to share her astonishing news. We hear so much bad news it seems, including all of the nasty gossip. What a change we could make in people's lives if we only shared good news as Mary did. Dare we give it a try?

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## **Food for your Journey**

A story is told of a pagan who asked a rabbi, "Why did God speak to Moses from the thorn bush?" For the pagan thought God should have spoken instead in a peal of thunder on the peak of some majestic mountain. The rabbi answered, "To teach you that there is no place on Earth where God's glory is not, not even in a humble thorn bush."

-- Ken Gire,

Windows of the Soul

(Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1996), 44.

Do we really believe that "there is no time, no place, no event so earthly that God cannot be there, speaking through them"? These moments where Earth is crammed with heaven, these Bethlehem moments where something divine is birthed through very human wombs, will go unnoticed unless we realize the meek and unassuming way that God characteristically comes.

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, Please use me this day to be Your messenger of love and joy to my world. May I strive this day to build up the lives of others. Amen.