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[Luke 1:39-56](#)

The story begins with Mary visiting Elizabeth, both expecting, Elizabeth with John the Baptist and Mary with the Messiah! When Mary spoke, the baby in Elizabeth's womb heard the greeting and leaped for joy. John the Baptist is already performing his task of pointing people to the Messiah.

How might we point people to Jesus during the Christmas season while we wait for our Savior's birth? Acknowledging and smiling at those working at the grocery store, restaurant, dry cleaners, etc., will bring joy to that person. A simple smile can go a long way. Being patient and kind when someone is not deserving. Loving our neighbor as ourselves. It is the small day to day moments where God's light will shine through us and point the way.

After Elizabeth rejoices, Mary breaks out in song praising God for what He has done and will do for the world through her. Her song of praise, called the Magnificat, is all about God's goodness, His blessings and mercy, and helping the oppressed. What is remarkable about this song is how little it is about how special Mary is. Mary is incredibly humble and has embraced the gift God has given her.

Heavenly Father, I pray that we can accept your gifts with such joy and humbleness. I pray that your light will shine through us to glorify you and point others to your love and mercy. Give us patience to "Be still" and wait on our Savior's birth. Thank you for being God with us and for us in our moments of joy and sadness. As the song says, "My soul glorifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!" Amen.

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