

“Stations of the Nativity”
“THE JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME”
Message #2 of 7

“THE LIFE THAT GOD BLESSES”

By His own free will and favor, God wants to fill us with His Holy Spirit, to do in us what he has done for hundreds and thousands of years ... for hundreds & thousands of his people.

Luke 1:39-47
December 8, 2019

1. GET READY & HURRY – EXCITEMENT (v.39)

“Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea.”

- The excitement of sharing good news with someone else, of being comforted by someone else who was equally surprised.

2. ENTER & GREET – REACTION (v.40)

“Mary entered Zechariah’s home and greeted Elizabeth.”

- Grace and peace

3. HEARING & FILLING – JOY (v.41)

“When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.”

- The joy of the Lord coming to us. He initiated this, we didn’t. God came, of his own free will.

4. BLESSING & BIRTHING – FAVOR (v.42-44)

“In a loud voice Elizabeth exclaimed: ‘Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?’”

- The Lord has ‘favored’ us, by his own choice and free will.

5. BELIEVING & ACCOMPLISHING – DOING (v.45)

“Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!”

- The Lord works in us out of his own good grace. Are we allowing God to do in us what he wants?

6. GLORIFYING & REJOICING – PRAISING (v.46-47)

“Mary said: ‘My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.’”

- Seeing God do his good work in us produces praise from us to him. (That God could use you!)