**Luke 1:39-55 Mary’s Song**

*“My soul glorifies the Lord*

*and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour…”*

Yes/No/Whatever?

Not just “soft music”

→ why we can have joy no matter what and where it comes from

1. **Joy comes from knowing God keeps promises (1:39-45)**

The story so far

Eager for confirmation! (v.39)

The leap for joy (v.40-41, 44)

Pointing people to Jesus (v42-43)

God showing, again and again, he keeps promises

Experience of faith

1. **Joy comes from knowing the Saviour personally (1:46-49)**

Personal & Experiential

Knows full-well she is loved (v.48)

Knows she needs a Saviour; knows the Saviour!

The core of Christianity: The Saviour-God, who wants to bring about our joy

eg. Luke 10:21; Hebrews 1:9; John 15:11

His anguish for our joy

Mary ≠ Jesus

1. **Joy comes from knowing our deep need of God (1:50-55)**

All of history in view

3 images of reversal (v.51-53)

How helpless we are in ourselves, how deeply we need God

Come hungry