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A Mother's Song

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Luke 1:46-56 ⁴⁶And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, ⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me— holy is his name. ⁵⁰His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. ⁵¹He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. ⁵²He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. ⁵³He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful ⁵⁵to Abraham and his descendants forever, even as he said to our fathers." ⁵⁶Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

Intro: This is known as the Magnificat. This was a crisis pregnancy. There is something about a crisis that God can use to create something special. An illustration of God working in a crisis comes from the Chinese word for crisis. It comes by putting together two words: danger and opportunity.

- I. This passage has many qualities of an **Old Testament** passage.
 - A. It is very similar to **Hannah's** prayer in I Samuel 2:1-10.
 - B. It has the main qualities of **Hebrew poetry** Notice that there are many restatements of truth in this passage. This is much like many of the Psalms.
- II. Here are some characteristics of a **godly woman** from Mary's testimony.
 - A. Her attitude will be shaped through **praise**. V. 46-47
 - B. Her defining characteristic will be **humility**. V. 48
 - C. She will develop a godly **reputation**. V. 48-49
- III. Mary mentions general **characteristics** of a godly person.
 - A. There is a healthy **fear of God**. V. 50
 - B. God will **work** in their life. V. 51
 - C. There will be **stability** in their life. V. 51-52
 - D. A godly person finds **contentment** in God's provision. V. 53-54