



December 12/13, 2020  
COMFORT & JOY  
A Weary World Rejoices  
Luke 1:39-45  
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*(Sermon fill-in notes and Scripture references)*

“... he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb.” (Luke 1:15)

Joy is a **Spirit-empowered response** to experiencing the **presence of Jesus**.

<sup>11</sup> You make known to me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore. (Psalm 16:11)

“For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.” (Romans 14:17)

“And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 13:52)

<sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” (Matthew 1:21)

**hurry** → **awareness**.

“He must increase, but I must decrease.” (John 3:30)

**competition** → **connection**

**cynical** → **celebration**.

And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” (Luke 1:38)

**skepticism** → **trust**.

<sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory... (1 Peter 1:8)