The Joy of Anticipation

Luke 1:39-56; 2:8-20; Heb. 12:2

[**Anticipation**: Advent Sermon Series – Week 2]

SERMON OUTLINE	GENERAL NOTES

I. JOY CAN BE FOUND IN WHAT WILL BE AND NOT JUST WHAT IS.

A. The reason for Elizabeth and her baby's _____ response is that Mary was carrying the Lord Jesus inside of her womb. (Lk. 1:41)

B. Mary is blessed because she trusted and believed in something that had not yet come to pass. (Lk. 1:45)

C. Sometimes just anticipating God showing up can be enough to _____ our spirits.

II. GOOD NEWS BRINGS GREAT JOY

A. The angel brings a message of good news because it will bring great ____ to all people. (Lk 2:8-11)

B. There is joy in the birth of a Savior because they needed, and we need, to be saved from our sin and brokenness.

C. The great news is that Jesus is not just the Savior of some or the Lord of most, He is over ____ and gave his life to rescue ____ people. (Lk 2:11-14)

III. JOY ON THE OTHER SIDE

A. The joy set before Jesus was that, because of His _____, you and I would be given the opportunity to receive His gift of grace and experience freedom from sin. (Heb. 12:2)

B. We can enter the Christmas season with joy because knowing that no matter what we are experiencing now, because of _____, we can look forward to joy in the future.