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**JOHN'S BIRTH - ZECHARIAH'S SONG**

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LUKE 1: 57- 80

I. (1) \_\_\_\_\_ WITH (2) \_\_\_\_\_

II. (3) \_\_\_\_\_ WITH (4) \_\_\_\_\_ THAT GOD  
IS (5) \_\_\_\_\_ AT (6) \_\_\_\_\_

III. (7) \_\_\_\_\_ IN (8) \_\_\_\_\_

IV. (9) \_\_\_\_\_ WITH (10) \_\_\_\_\_

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

THE QUESTIONS MARKED "PERSONAL" ARE FOR YOU TO CONSIDER PRIVATELY AND TO ONLY SHARE YOUR ANSWERS IF YOU ARE COMFORTABLE.

1. WHAT CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS DO YOU REMEMBER THAT YOU ENJOYED GROWING UP?
2. THINK ABOUT A TIME WHEN YOU FELT LIKE YOU WERE IN A SEASON OF WAITING. WHAT DID THAT FEEL LIKE?
3. WHAT AREAS OF YOUR LIFE DO YOU STRUGGLE TO BELIEVE GOD?
4. WHAT KEEPS YOU FROM BELIEVING AND TRUSTING HIM?
5. WHEN HAS THERE BEEN A TIME WHEN YOU WERE FEARFUL OF DOING WHAT YOU FELT LIKE THE LORD WAS LEADING YOU TO DO?
6. WHAT IN YOUR LIFE WAS HELPFUL FOR YOU TO MOVE THROUGH THOSE FEELINGS?
7. (PERSONAL) ARE THERE AREAS OF YOUR LIFE NOW WHERE YOU ARE BEING DISOBEDIENT TO THE LORD?
8. (PERSONAL) WILL YOU CONSIDER TALKING ABOUT THIS AREA OF STRUGGLE WITH ANOTHER TRUSTED PERSON?
9. WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT THE FUTURE RETURN OF JESUS, WHAT THOUGHTS OR FEELINGS COME TO MIND?
10. DOES THE WAY YOU CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS REFLECT YOUR GREAT HOPE IN JESUS?

FILL IN THE BLANK KEY

1. WAITING 2. JOY 3. WAITING 4. CONFIDENCE 5. ALWAYS 6. WORK  
7. WAITING 8. FAITHFUL OBEDIENCE 9. WAITING 10. EXPECTATION



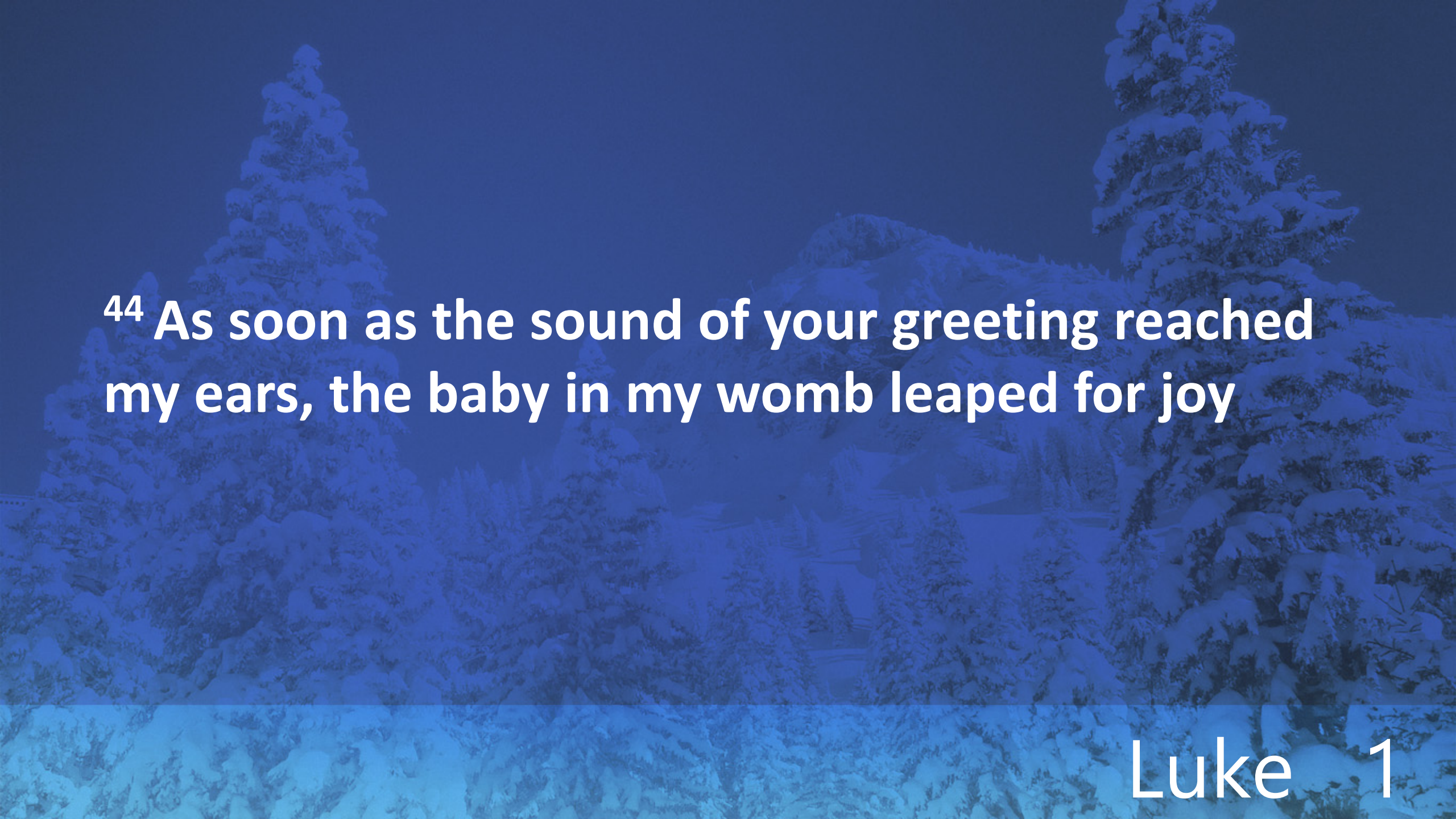
Joy

To the World





<sup>38</sup> “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.



**44 As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy**

**Luke 1**

**57** When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son. **58** Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they shared her joy.

**59** On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him after his father Zechariah, **60** but his mother spoke up and said, “No! He is to be called John.”

A blue-tinted photograph of a snowy mountain landscape. In the foreground, there are several evergreen trees heavily laden with snow. In the background, a mountain range is visible, with a prominent peak also covered in snow. The sky is a deep, dark blue, suggesting a clear or slightly overcast day. The overall scene is serene and wintry.

**6<sup>1</sup> They said to her, “There is no one among your relatives who has that name.”**

**Luke 1**

**<sup>62</sup> Then they made signs to his father, to find out what he would like to name the child. <sup>63</sup> He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone's astonishment he wrote, "His name is John."**



**64** Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue set free, and he began to speak, praising God. **65** All the neighbors were filled with awe, and throughout the hill country of Judea people were talking about all these things. **66** Everyone who heard this wondered about it, asking, “What then is this child going to be?” For the Lord’s hand was with him.

**67 His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:**

**68 “Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them.**

**69 He has raised up a horn<sup>[c]</sup> of salvation for us in the house of his servant David**

**70 (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago),**

**71** salvation from our enemies  
and from the hand of all who hate us—  
**72** to show mercy to our ancestors  
and to remember his holy covenant,  
**73** the oath he swore to our father Abraham:  
**74** to rescue us from the hand of our enemies,  
and to enable us to serve him without fear  
**75** in holiness and righteousness before him all our  
days.

**76 And you, my child, will be called a prophet of  
the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord  
to prepare the way for him,  
77 to give his people the knowledge of salvation  
through the forgiveness of their sins,  
78 because of the tender mercy of our God,  
by which the rising sun will come to us from  
heaven**

**79 to shine on those living in darkness  
and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the path of peace.”**

**80 And the child grew and became strong in  
spirit; and he lived in the wilderness until he  
appeared publicly to Israel.**

# I. Waiting with Joy

Waiting

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II. Waiting with Confidence that God is Always at  
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Waiting



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II. Waiting with Confidence that God is Always at Work

III. Waiting in Faithful Obedience

Waiting

<sup>5</sup> In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. <sup>6</sup> Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commands and decrees blamelessly.

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Should I tell them that  
You are the one who has made me  
And saved me and set up a home there inside  
Should I tell them that I am a perfect example  
Of all You can do with a life.

What should I say to them?

What if I'm failing them?

What should I tell the tonight?

-Shaun Groves

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II. Waiting with Confidence that God is Always at Work

III. Waiting in Faithful Obedience

IV. Wait with Expectation

Waiting

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