

Recapturing Christmas

Music

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²⁰ Like one who takes away a garment on a cold day, or like vinegar poured on a wound, is one who sings songs to a heavy heart." **Proverbs 25:20, NIV**

The joy of _____ is overshadowed by the _____ of the human heart.

⁴⁶ And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord ⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ **for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.** From now on all generations will call me blessed,

⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name.⁵⁰ His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation.

⁵¹ He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. ⁵² He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. ⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful ⁵⁵ to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors." **Luke 1:46-55, NIV**

Mary's song came from a _____ that recognized all that God had done for her.

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Mary celebrated her interaction with the _____, He is our _____ God, who is the _____.

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God's surprising way of dealing with us is to _____ the comfortable and _____ the afflicted.

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful ⁵⁵ to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors." **Luke 1:54-55, NIV**

God doesn't forget his _____. He is _____ to us in every sense of the word.

¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. **Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord,** ²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Ephesians 5:18-20, NIV**

I recognize my Christmas song will follow a path from:

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MEMORY VERSE

Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Ephesians 5:19^b-20, NIV**

My next step: My Christmas song to the Lord will come from a thankful heart that remembers all of God's gifts to me – especially the gift of Jesus.

What's your next step today?

Mark it on your Communication Card.