



HOLIDAY

TRAVEL PLANS





Many feel compelled to
travel during the holiday
season due to...

LACK



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LONGING



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LONELINESS

Luke 1:39-40, 56 (ESV)

39 In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, 40 and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth... 56 And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

The background is an abstract painting with horizontal bands of color. The colors include various shades of blue, red, orange, and brown, with some darker and lighter tones. The texture appears to be that of a thick paint application, possibly with a brush or palette knife, creating a layered and somewhat grainy effect. The overall composition is horizontal and somewhat chaotic, with the colors blending and overlapping.

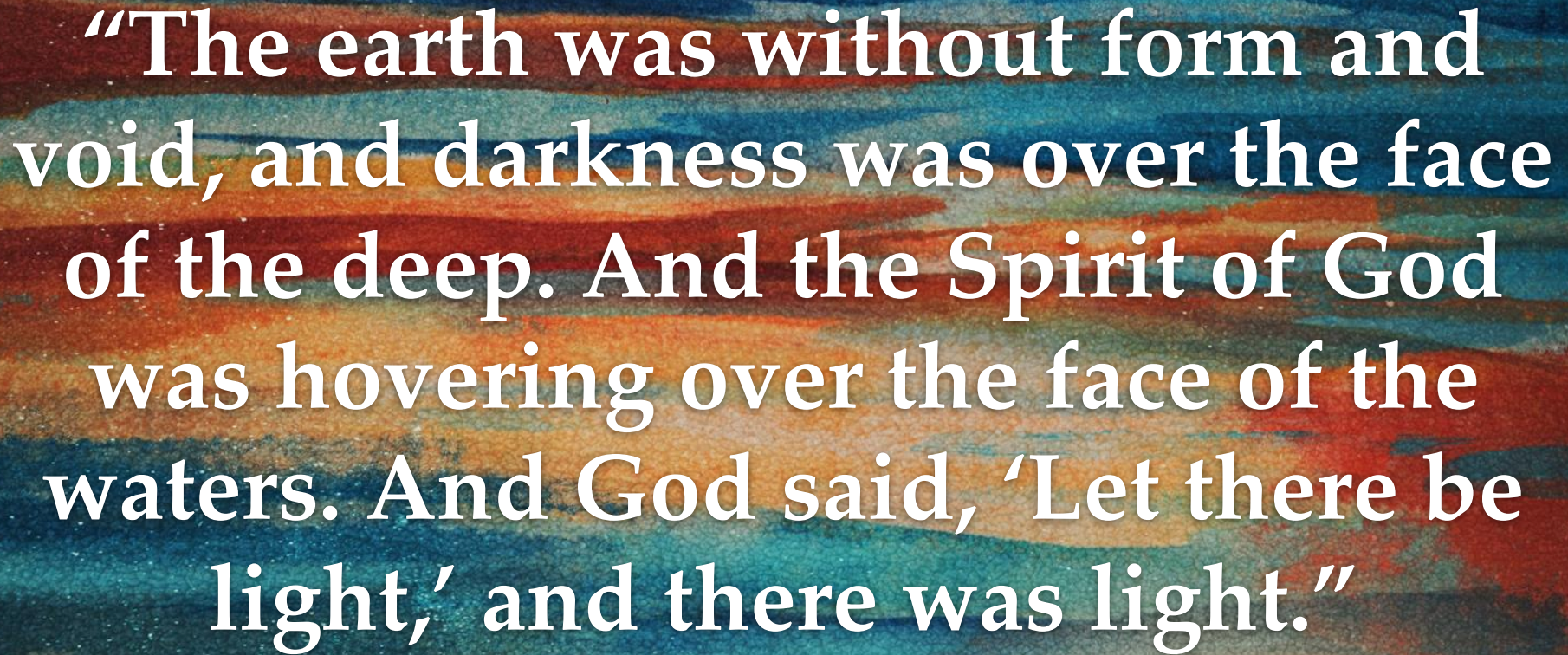
Q1: Who is traveling?

The background is an abstract painting with horizontal bands of color. The colors include various shades of blue, from light to dark, and warm tones of red, orange, and brown. The texture appears to be that of a thick medium like oil or acrylic paint, with visible brushstrokes and some darker, more saturated areas. The overall effect is a sense of depth and movement, with the colors blending and overlapping.

Q2: What drives Mary to embark on this journey?

Luke 1:35 (ESV)

35 “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.”



“The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, ‘Let there be light,’ and there was light.”

(Genesis 1:2-3)

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**Q3: Why does Mary end up
at her destination?**

Luke 1:36 (ESV)

36 “And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren.
37 For nothing will be impossible with God.”

The background is an abstract painting consisting of horizontal, textured bands of color. The colors transition from dark blue at the top, through various shades of red and orange, to a lighter blue and green at the bottom. The texture is grainy and layered, suggesting a watercolor or oil painting style.

**Q4: What was the journey
like?**



**Q5: What happens when
Mary reaches her
destination?**

Luke 1:41-42 (ESV)

41 And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, 42 and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!"

Luke 1:43-44 (ESV)

43 “And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.”

Luke 1:45 (ESV)

45 “And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

Luke 1:46-49 (ESV)

46 And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, 47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, 48 for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; 49 for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name."

Luke 1:50-52 (ESV)

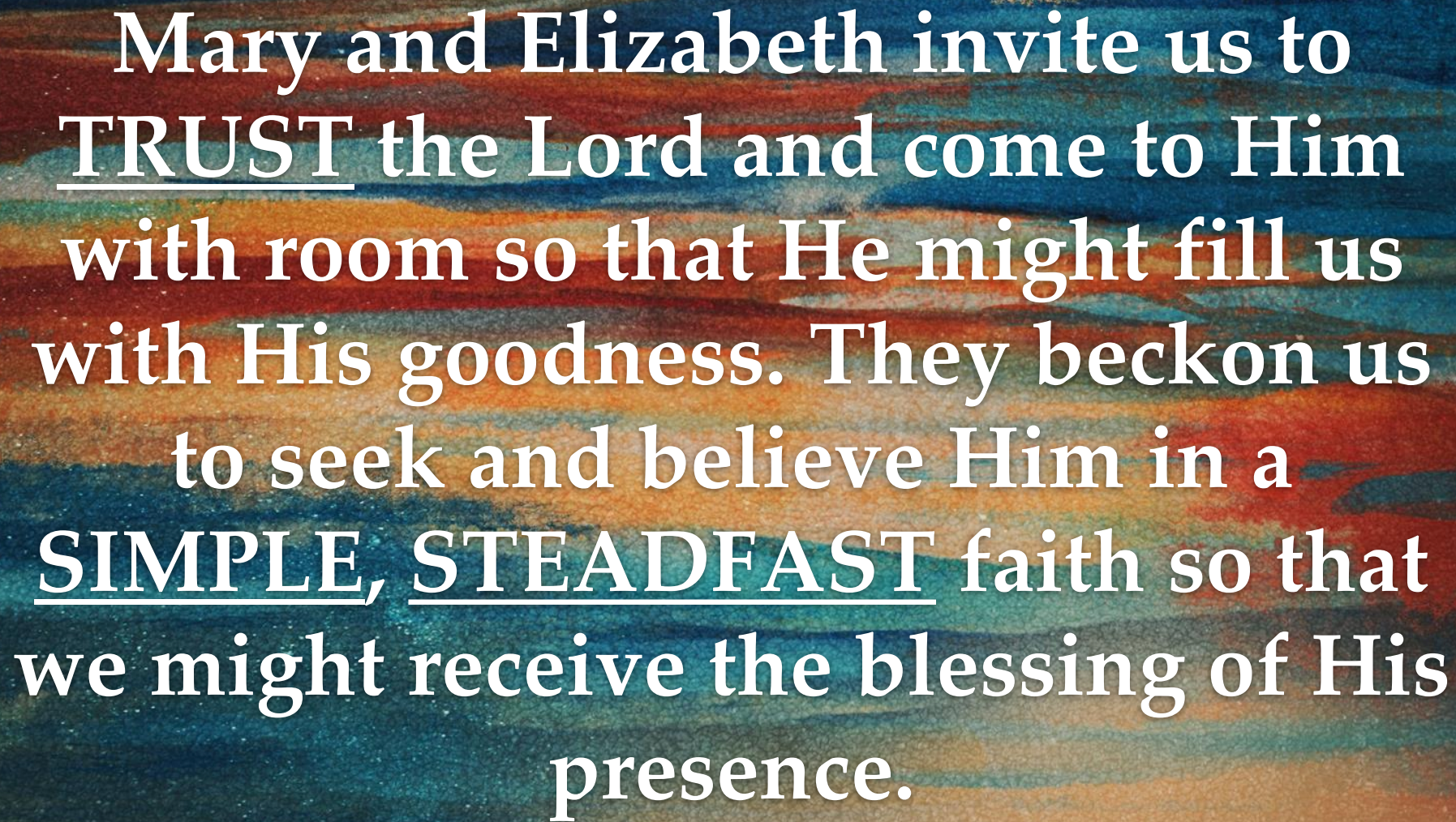
50 “And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. 51 He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; 52 he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate.”

Luke 1:53-55 (ESV)

53 “He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. 54 He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, 55 as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

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Q6: How does Mary's
journey speak to us?



Mary and Elizabeth invite us to TRUST the Lord and come to Him with room so that He might fill us with His goodness. They beckon us to seek and believe Him in a SIMPLE, STEADFAST faith so that we might receive the blessing of His presence.