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Luke 1:39-45

Yesterday I watched two-year-old Lucca and his dad at the swimming pool. The little boy would stand on the edge and leap as far as he could into water way over his head. After every jump, he said, "Let's do it again." Lucca had total trust that his dad would catch him every time.

Lucca's trust reflects, in miniature, the kind of faith that Mary and Elizabeth lived. Both ladies totally believed that their pregnancies were direct acts of God's will and mercy. One was with child way too young, the other way too old. But believe they did. Elizabeth and Mary bolstered each other's faith.

And what a faith it was! Who would believe that a Galilean virgin from Nazareth and an aging priest's wife from the "hill country" would be bearing sons that would change the world? Elizabeth and Mary had faith beyond all reason. But both those baby boys, John and Jesus, grew up to fill prophetic and redemptive roles that changed time and eternity.

The faith of Lucca, Mary, and Elizabeth tell me that I should cling in faith to the promises of God.

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