

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"

Luke 1:41-45



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Dear Friend of Samaritan,

Our counselors frequently experience sacred moments with those who come to Samaritan for help. When they tell us that their lives are broken, we understand that they are filled with grief, fear and loneliness. Too often, they also are struggling with insufficient financial means and that undermines the very fabric of their lives and robs them of hope.

When a counselor is able to convey our intention to welcome them into relationship, to engage with them in their particular life story, tears often fill their eyes – and sometimes the eyes of the counselor as well. There is this surprising moment of connection, so vibrant that stirs the heart and brings joy.

Our Board and Staff have long been dedicated to serve all who come to us as best we can. We know this work is difficult and that words alone are insufficient. We are deeply aware of the privilege it is to be present in what can become a sacred moment.

You who support Samaritan make it possible for us to say “yes” to those in need of the small miracles this ministry provides throughout the year. We rejoice in sharing this life giving partnership with you.

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