

THE WORD FOR LIFE – SERMON NOTES

Songs of Christmas
Pt. 1: Mary's Snapshots
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THE SMALL PICTURE

1) **Gratitude** – for a _____ with God.

And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, Luke 1:46-47 (NIV)

But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. They are reborn! This is not a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan—this rebirth comes from God. John 1:12-13 (NLT)

2) **Hope** – because appearances _____.

for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. Luke 1:48a (NIV)

- The _____.

For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength. 1 Corinthians 1:25 (NIV)

Instead, God deliberately chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose those who are powerless to shame those who are powerful. 1 Corinthians 1:27 (NLT)

3) **Wonder** – over _____ for my life.

From now on all generations will call me blessed, Luke 1:48b (NIV)

I know the plans that I have for you, declares the Lord. They are plans for peace and not disaster, plans to give you a future filled with hope. Jeremiah 29:11 (GW)

4) **Excitement** – that _____ accomplishes His Plan!

because the Almighty has done great things to me. His name is holy. Luke 1:49 (GW)

To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me. Colossians 1:29 (NIV)

5) **Relief** – I'm _____ by His Mercy!

His mercy goes on from generation to generation, to all who fear him. Luke 1:50 (NLT)

THE BIG PICTURE

1) **Peace** – God is _____.

"He displayed his mighty power. He scattered those who think too highly of themselves. He pulled strong rulers from their thrones. He honored humble people. Luke 1:51-52 (GW)

2) **Joy** – God _____.

He fed hungry people with good food. He sent rich people away with nothing. Luke 1:53 (GW)

3) **Faith** – God will _____.

He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, even as he said to our fathers." Luke 1:54-55 (NIV)

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)