

## “THE GREATEST GIVEAWAY EVER: HOPE”

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### MARY HAS HOPE BECAUSE THIS BABY SHE IS CARRYING IS:

#### 1. **CHRIST THE LORD!**

And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord,” (Luke 1:46)

##### A. **HOLY IS HIS NAME.**

And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. (Acts 4:12)

##### B. **HE SHOULD BE FEARED.**

And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. (Luke 1:50)

##### C. **HE HUMBLER THE MIGHTY.**

He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones (Luke 1:51-52a)

“God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” (James 4:6b)

#### 2. **GOD MY SAVIOR!**

and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, (Luke 1:47)

##### A. **GOD IS FULL OF COMPASSION.**

for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. (Luke 1:48a)

and exalted those of humble estate; (Luke 1:52b)

##### B. **HE TAKES ACTION.**

He has filled the hungry with good things, (Luke 1:53)

#### **MEMORY VERSE**

for he who is mighty has done great things for me, (Luke 1:49a)

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. <sup>19</sup>He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. <sup>20</sup>You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old. (Micah 7:18-20)

#### 3. **SHARE THE HOPE WITH OTHERS.**

But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; (1 Corinthians 1:27)

but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; (1 Peter 3:15a)

#### **GOING DEEPER FOR THE HOME**

1. Spend time each day magnifying God and see if the problems in life don't get smaller as God becomes bigger in your life.
2. Identify those around you who need hope. Pray for them and share a message of hope from your own life when the Lord lifted you up out of your hopeless pit and exalted you.