

The Power of a Memory

Holy Moments: Part 3

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“Sometimes you will never know the value of a _____ until it becomes a _____.”

- Dr. Seuss

But the angel said to them, “Don’t be afraid, for look, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people: Today a Savior, who is Messiah the Lord, was born for you in the city of David. This will be the sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in cloth and lying in a feeding trough.”

...They hurried off and found both Mary and Joseph, and the baby who was lying in the feeding trough. After seeing them, they reported the message they were told about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary was treasuring up all these things in her heart and meditating on them.

Luke 2:10-12, 16-19

TREASURED THOUGHTS

1. God’s _____ from the _____

“Bethlehem Ephrathah, you are small among the clans of Judah; One will come from you to be ruler over Israel for Me – His origin is from antiquity, from eternity.”

Micah 5:2

“The virgin will conceive, have a son, and name him Immanuel.”

Isaiah 7:14

2. God’s _____ and presence in the _____

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to people He favors.”

Luke 2:14

And the angel came to her and said, “Rejoice favored woman! The Lord is with you... Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.”

Luke 1:28, 30

3. God’s _____ at work in the _____

“He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end.”

Luke 1:32-33

Then Simeon blessed them and told His mother Mary: “Indeed, this child is destined to cause the fall and rise of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be opposed – and a sword will pierce your own soul – that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”

Luke 2:34-35

Talk It Over With Someone

1. What’s your favorite memory? Did it feel special in the moment?
2. Which part of this message was more impactful for you – and why?
3. Talk about a time when you experienced God’s peace in the middle of hurt or disappointment. What was that experience like, and how did it impact your faith?
4. Share about a time when you had to trust God with your future. How is that experience influencing your ability to trust Him with your future now?

* All scriptures from HCSB unless otherwise noted