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## Tis The Season

## Part 2: Silent Night

**Luke 1:26-28 NLT** <sup>26</sup>In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. <sup>28</sup>Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!"

✓ God has a purpose that is specific for you.

**Matthew 7:13-14 NIV** <sup>13</sup>"You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. <sup>14</sup>But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it.

**Luke 1:29-33 NLT** <sup>29</sup>Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. <sup>30</sup>"Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God! <sup>31</sup>You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!"

✓ You don't have to understand to trust.

**Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV** Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. <sup>6</sup>Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

**Luke 1:34-37 NLT** <sup>34</sup>Mary asked the angel, "But how can this happen? I am a virgin." <sup>35</sup>The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God. <sup>36</sup>What's more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she has conceived a son and is now in her sixth month. <sup>37</sup>For the word of God will never fail.

✓ You can ask questions without questioning.

**John 10:1-5 NLT** "I tell you the truth, anyone who sneaks over the wall of a sheepfold, rather than going through the gate, must surely be a thief and a robber! <sup>2</sup>But the one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They won't follow a stranger; they will run from him because they don't know his voice."

**John 10:6-10 NLT** <sup>6</sup>Those who heard Jesus use this illustration didn't understand what he meant, <sup>7</sup>so he explained it to them: "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me were thieves and robbers. But the true sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>Yes, I am the gate. Those who come in through me will be saved. They will come and go freely and will find good pastures. <sup>10</sup>The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

**Luke 1:38 NLT** <sup>38</sup>Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true." And then the angel left her.

✓ The first step to trusting is surrendering.

**Luke 22:42 NLT** "Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine."

## The Sound Of Silence

### 1. Talk to God.

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NLT** <sup>16</sup>Always be joyful. <sup>17</sup>Never stop praying. <sup>18</sup>Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

### 2. Listen to God.

**Psalms 139:23-24 NLT** Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.