

PART 1: Promise

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**START**

We all have memories and shared stories of Christmas's past. Many of us are continuing to create memories by upholding past rules, breaking past rules, or creating new rules.

- What were some of your Christmas day rules growing up?
- What are some Christmas rules that you have made or upheld in your family?
- What purposeful ritual do you have to continue to center Christmas on Jesus?

**READ**

[Romans 15:13](#) (NIV)

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**THINK**

The season of advent is rooted in promise. The promise that God sends hope, salvation, and peace through His one and only son. We see these promises thread themselves throughout scripture. Advent then, becomes a season for us to rehearse the promises of God and remember that God never fails us.

- How has God fueled with the hope that He gives?
- How have you experienced God's peace in your life?
- What promises have you seen God fulfill in your life?

We can easily regulate hope to optimism. However, the hope that Jesus gives is more than just an optimistic outlook. The hope that Jesus gives is a confident expectation. We can trust that Jesus always does what He says he does.

- How can we be confident in the hope that Jesus gives?
- Where do you have trouble believing in the hope that Jesus gives?
- How can the hope of Jesus inspire us this Christmas season?

**PRAY**

God, thank you for the promises that you give. Thank you for always fulfilling your promises. Fill me with the hope and peace that you give as I trust in you so that I may overflow with the hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**ACT**

This week, write down Romans 15:13 and place it somewhere that you can repeat it to yourself throughout this holiday season.

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ONE CHURCH. RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE.