

# The Sounds of Christmas

## Part 1: The Whisper of Hope

**BIG Idea:** Even in the silence, God is speaking – and His whisper of hope breaks through the darkest night.

**Application:** Lean into the whisper of hope during the waiting. Trust the character and promises of God more than the circumstances you see.

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## 1. HOPE LISTENS IN THE DARKNESS

**Isaiah 9:1-5 (NLT) *Hope in the Messiah***

<sup>1</sup> Nevertheless, that time of darkness and despair will not go on forever. The land of Zebulun and Naphtali will be humbled, but there will be a time in the future when Galilee of the Gentiles, which lies along the road that runs between the Jordan and the sea, will be filled with glory.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walk in darkness  
will see a great light.  
For those who live in a land of deep darkness,  
a light will shine.

<sup>3</sup> You will enlarge the nation of Israel,  
and its people will rejoice.  
They will rejoice before you  
as people rejoice at the harvest  
and like warriors dividing the plunder.

<sup>4</sup> For you will break the yoke of their slavery  
and lift the heavy burden from their shoulders.  
You will break the oppressor's rod,  
just as you did when you destroyed the army of Midian.

<sup>5</sup> The boots of the warrior  
and the uniforms bloodstained by war  
will all be burned.  
They will be fuel for the fire.

## 2. HOPE FOCUSES ON A PROMISED KING

Isaiah 9:6 (NLT)

<sup>6</sup>For a child is born to us,  
a son is given to us.  
The government will rest on his shoulders.  
And he will be called:  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**Hope is not based on what we feel – it's anchored in who God is.**

## 3. HOPE WAITS WITH TRUST

Isaiah 9:7 (NLT)

<sup>7</sup>His government and its peace  
will never end.  
He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David  
for all eternity.  
The passionate commitment of the Lord of Heaven's Armies  
will make this happen!

Romans 15:12-13 (NLT)

<sup>12</sup>And in another place Isaiah said,  
“The heir to David's throne will come,  
and he will rule over the Gentiles.  
They will place their hope on him.”

<sup>13</sup>I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**When we can't hear God shouting, we lean in and listen for the whisper.**

**Even in the silence, God is speaking – and His whisper of hope breaks through the darkest night.**

**Hope has a name. And His name is Jesus.**