

**Journey to the Nativity
The Star of Hope
Discover Church
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Our history may be imperfect, but our future is still to be determined

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1. God uses **Imperfect** people

“So they went and entered the house of a prostitute named Rahab and stayed there.” Joshua 2:1

“Ruth the Moabite, the dead man’s widow.” Ruth 4:5

“You have shed much blood and have fought many wars. You are not to build a house for my Name, because you have shed much blood on the earth in my sight.” 1 Chronicles 22:8

“As Solomon grew old, his wives turned his heart after other gods, and his heart was not fully devoted to the Lord his God.” 1 Kings 11:4

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” Romans 3:23

2. God’s Plan for **Redemption**

“Rahab the prostitute was considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies” James 2:25

“Your people will be my people and your God my God.” Ruth 1:16

God doesn’t grade us by our faults; he guides us by our faith.

“And all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.” Romans 3:24

3. God’s Promises are **Unshakable**

“If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.” Galatians 3:29

God’s plan is bigger than our mistakes and stronger than our weaknesses.

My Response: Have **faith** in a **faithful** God

“He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” 1 Corinthians 1:8–9

It’s not about perfect people, but a perfect Savior.

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Scripture: *Joshua 2:1; Ruth 4:5; 1 Chronicles 22:8; Kings 11:4; Romans 3:23; James 2:25; Ruth 1:16; Romans 3:24; Galatians 3:29; 1 Corinthians 1:8–9*