

Christmas Is A Time to Celebrate
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Celebrate Hearing God.

Joseph heard God. Matthew 1:18-21

Mary heard God. Luke 1:26-28

I Want to Hear God myself

“And those are the ones on whom seed was sown on the good soil; they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold.” Mark 4:20 NASB

So when the Samaritans came to Jesus, they were asking Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. Many more believed because of His word; and they were saying to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this One is indeed the Savior of the world.” John 4:40-42 NASB

Celebrate Believing What I Hear God Say.

Joseph married Mary. Matthew 1:24-25

Mary agreed to be Jesus' mother. Luke 1:38

Shepherds went to find Jesus. Luke 2:15-16

Believe what God says to me.

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name. Who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. John 1:12-13 NASB

Celebrate Living So God Can Use Me.

Joseph was righteous. Matthew 1:19

Mary found favor with God. Luke 1:30

Live so God can use me.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deed. Titus 2:11-14 NASB

Celebrate Getting to Participate With God.

Joseph married Mary and helped raise Jesus.
Matthew 1:24

Mary became the mother of Jesus. Luke 2:7-7

Participate with God myself.

Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. 1 Corinthians 3:8-9 NKJV

So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure. Philippians 2:12-13 NASB