



*... the journey continues...*



1. *To the Hopeful* – Nov. 27

2. *To the One who Brings Good Tidings* – Dec. 4

3. *To the Joyous* – Dec. 11

4. *To the Peaceful* – Dec. 18

5. *To the Holy Nativity* – Sat., Dec. 24

6. *To the Manger* – Dec. 25

7. *To New Days Ahead* – Sat., Dec. 31 at Lanham Campus



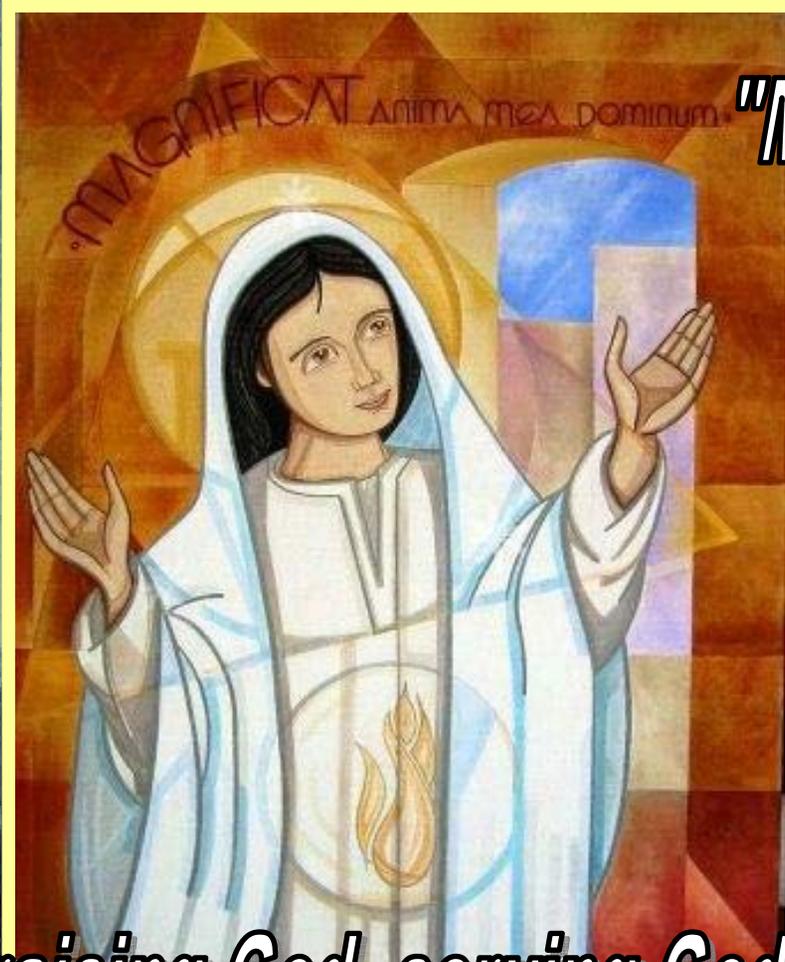
# *Journey from Afar*

## *Advent Journey at Savage-Lanham*

# Lesson for the Day

Luke 1:46-56

## "Magnificat" - Mary's Song



MY SOUL  
magnifies  
THE LORD  
& my spirit  
HAS  
REJOICED  
in God  
MY SAVIOR

praising God, serving God.

**The First Blessed Christian Disciple**

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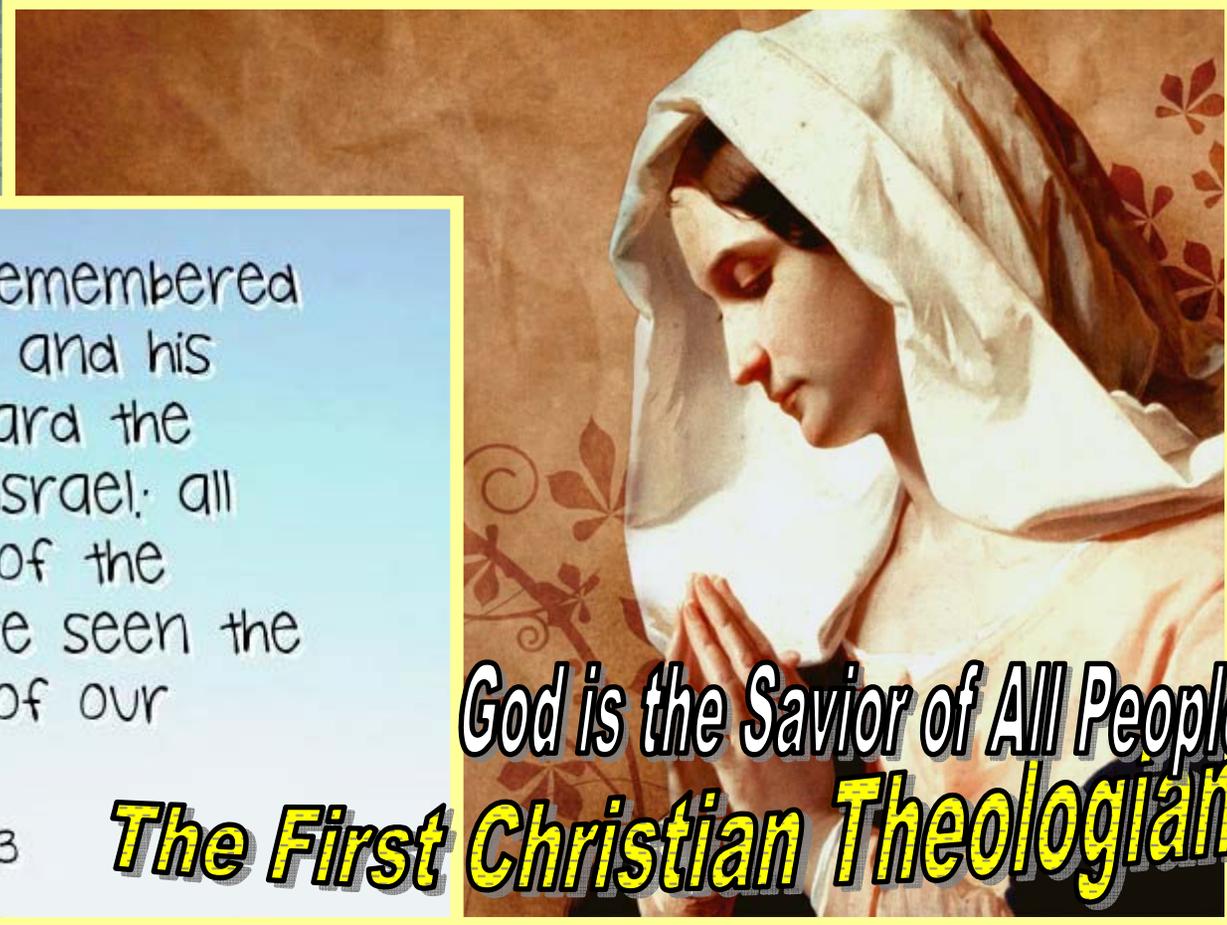
## "Magnificat" - Mary's Song

He hath remembered  
his mercy and his  
truth toward the  
house of Israel: all  
the ends of the  
earth have seen the  
salvation of our  
God.

- Psalms 98:3

***The First Christian Theologian.***

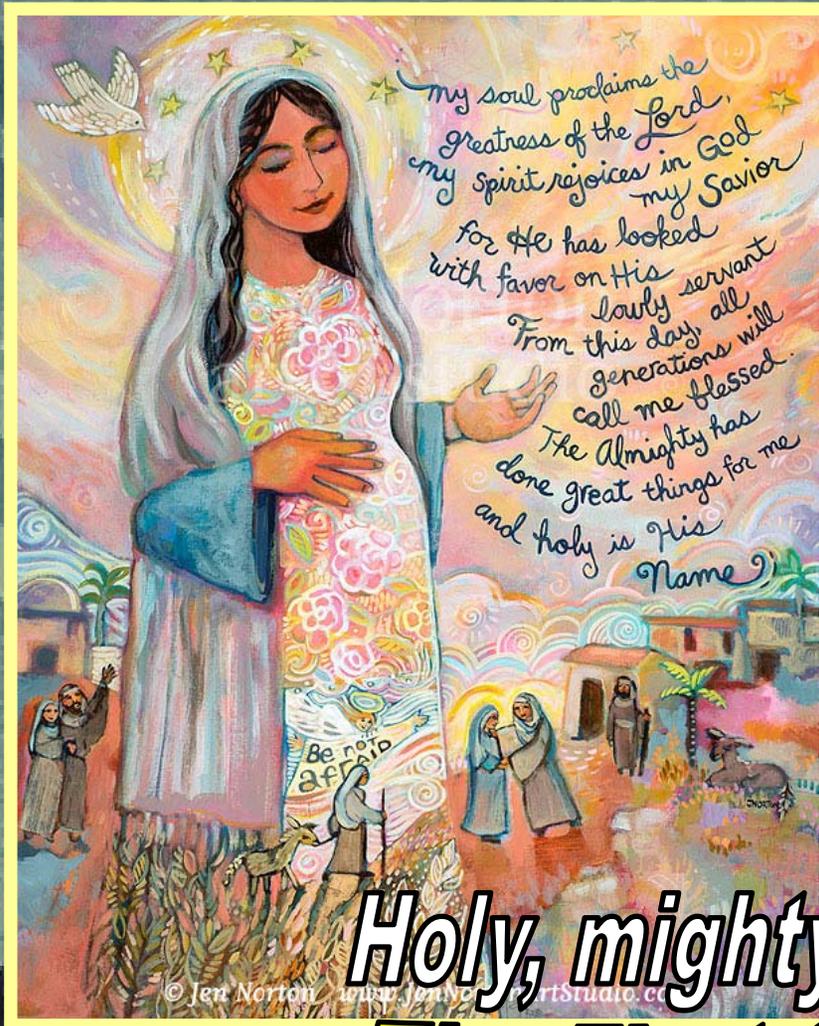
***God is the Savior of All People.***



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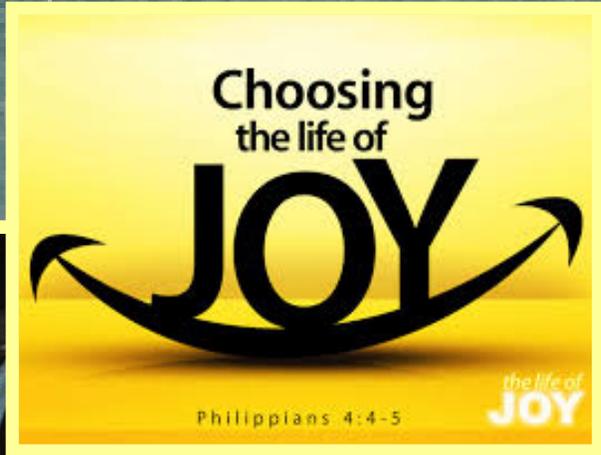


Then Hannah prayed:  
"My heart rejoices in the  
Lord!

The Lord has made me  
strong. Now I have an  
answer for my enemies;  
I rejoice because you  
rescued me.

1 Samuel 2:1

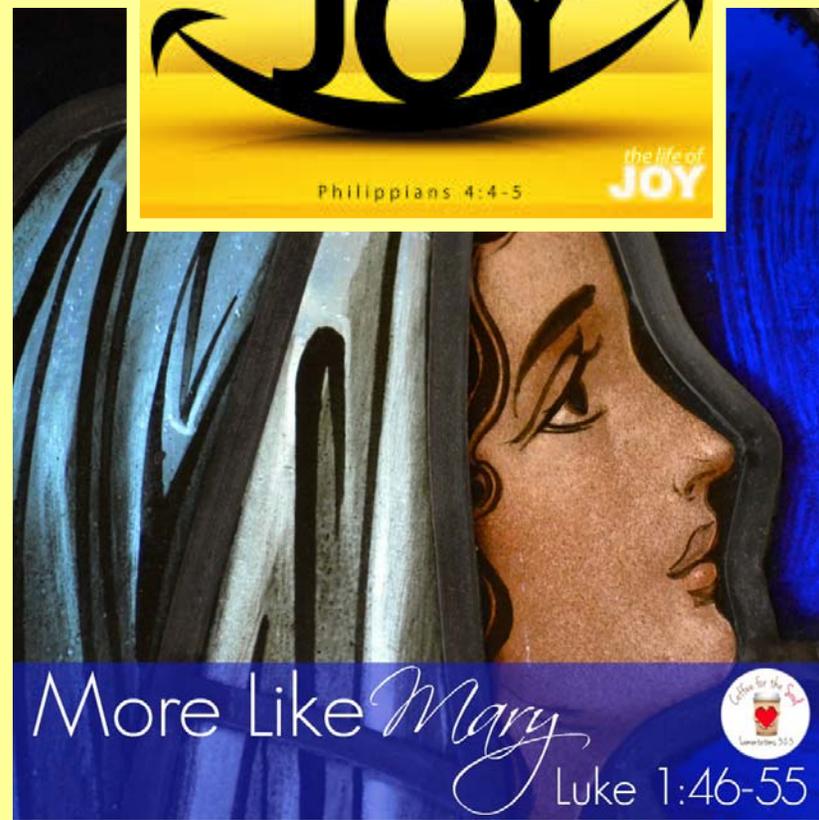
**Holy, mighty, and merciful is He.  
The First Christian Advocate.**



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## Luke 1:46-56

### "Magnificat" - Mary's Song



More Like *Mary*  
Luke 1:46-55



Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet

I will rejoice  
in the Lord

**She is a Messenger of Joy**

Habakkuk 3:17-18



1. *Let your Spirit rejoice in God your Savior.*

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*PART 3. TO THE JOYOUS*

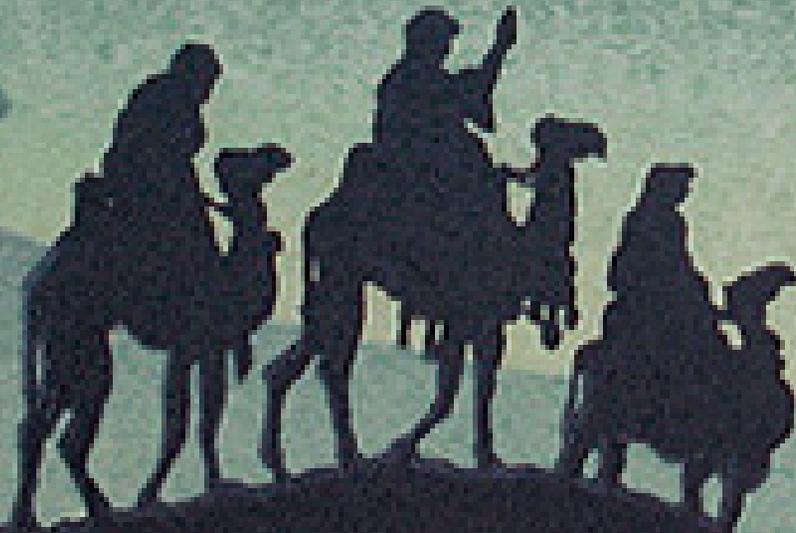
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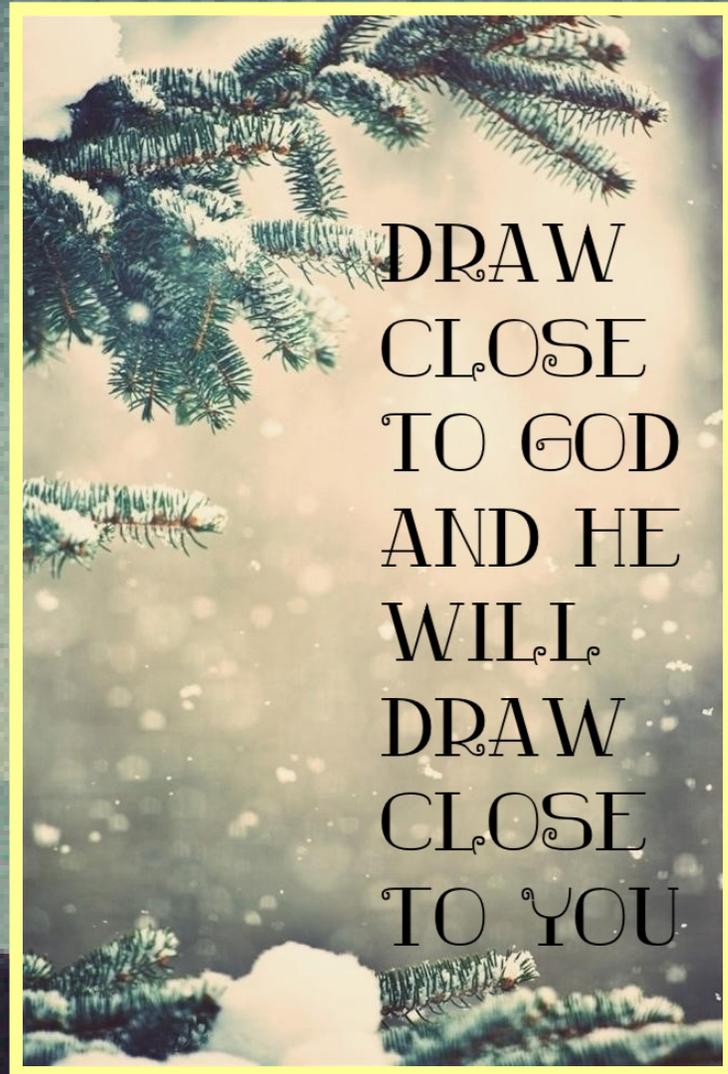
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DRAW  
CLOSE  
TO GOD  
AND HE  
WILL  
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TO YOU

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*The Apostle Paul*



*National Gallery of Arts*

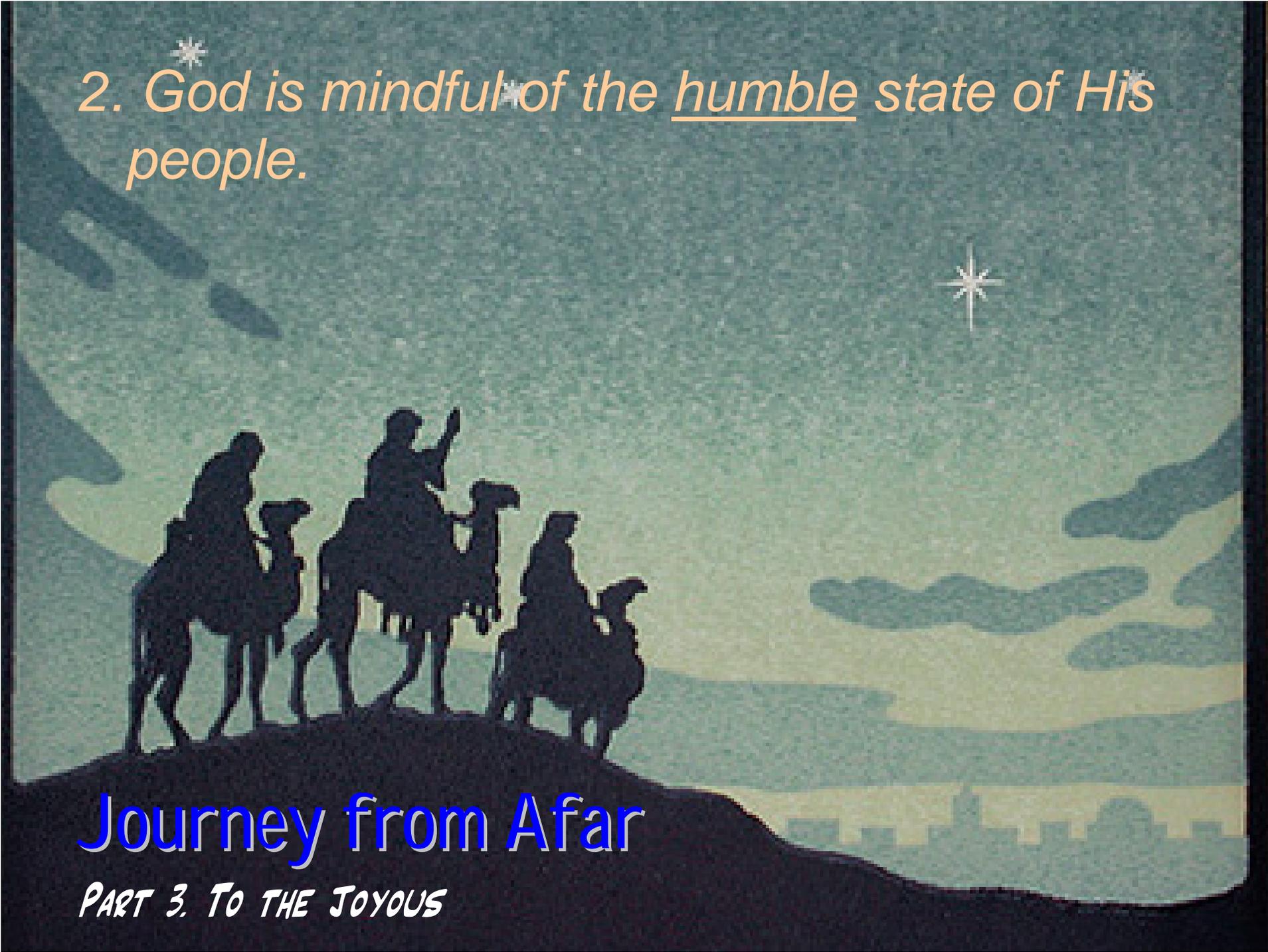


Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

Philippians 4:4-5

***Advent***

*The season proclaims the coming of the Christ –  
whose birth we prepare to celebrate,  
who comes continually in Word and Spirit, and  
whose return in final victory we anticipate.*



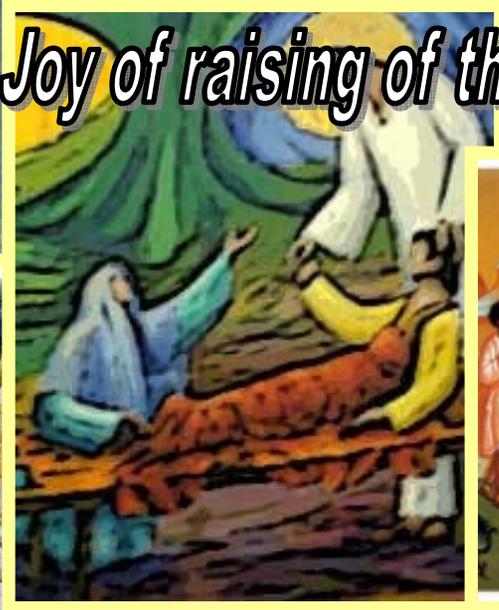
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Joy of raising of the dead- Luke 7



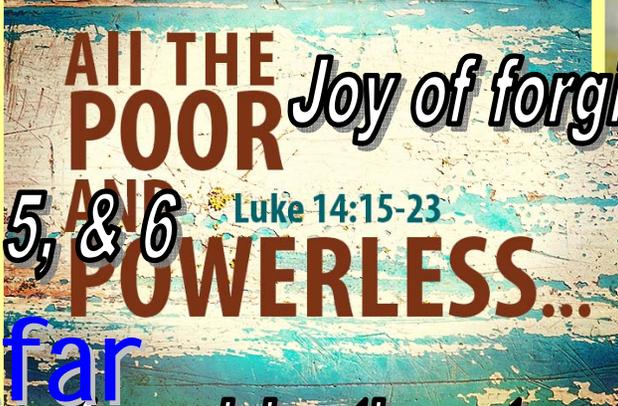
Then he said to Jesus,  
"Lord,  
Remember me  
when You come"  
Into Your  
Kingdom."

Luke 23:42

Joy of forgiving Luke 23



Joy of healings Luke 4, 5, & 6



Joy of receiving the outcasts- Luke 14, 18, 19

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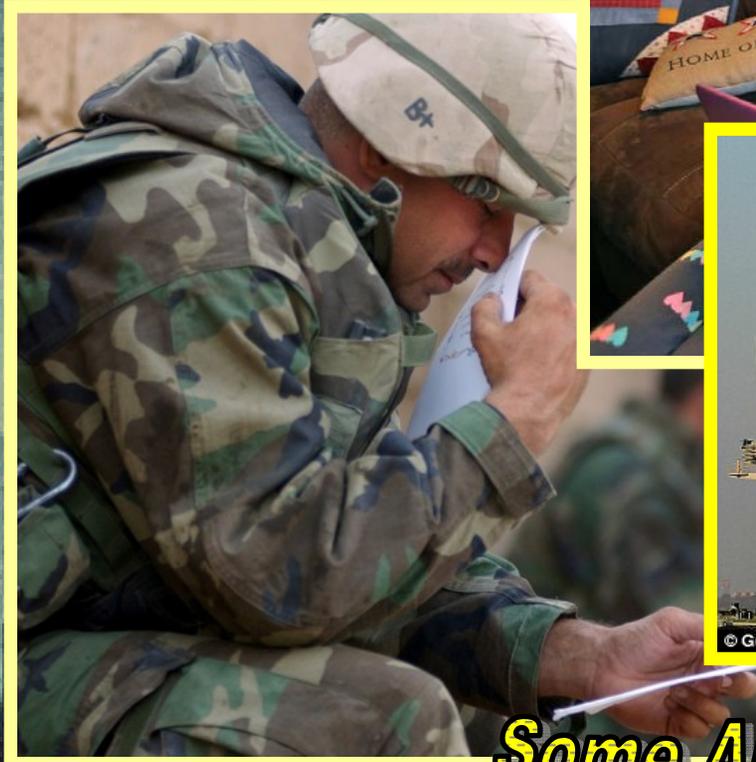


***Kids alienated from parents.***

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*Flew more than 2,900 missions and clocked in 17,000 flight hours.*

*.. it came to reuniting the 119 fathers with their children for the first time. Daily Mail 12/11/16*

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***Some Are Still Away From Home***  
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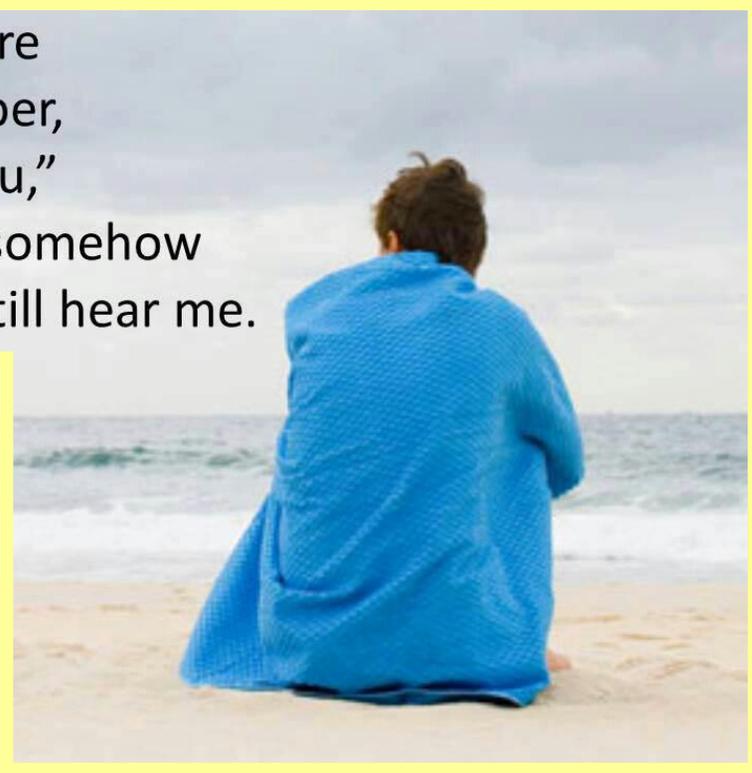
**Somehow Others detached from one another**

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2. God is mindful of the humble state of His people.

As I sit here  
and whisper,  
"I miss you,"  
I believe somehow  
you can still hear me.



*and the bereaved* !!!  
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2. God is mindful of the humble state of His people.



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*PART 3. TO THE JOYOUS*

3. *Be merciful as God is merciful.*

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*Be  
merciful,  
even as  
your  
Father is  
merciful.*

*Luke 6:36*

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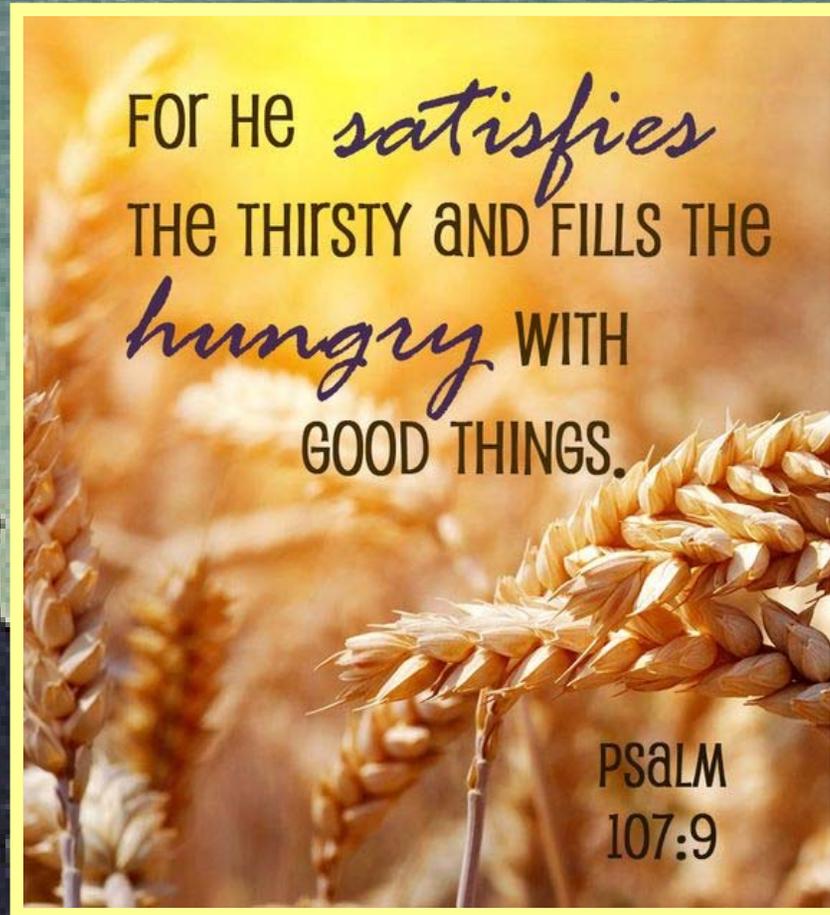
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*4. Fill the physically and spiritually hungry with good things.*

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**THE BEST GIFT YOU  
CAN GIVE TO SOMEONE  
IS YOUR TIME,  
BECAUSE YOU'RE  
GIVING THEM  
SOMETHING YOU CAN  
NEVER GET BACK.**

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4. Fill the physically and spiritually hungry with good things.



**Matthew 7:9-12** “Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

**Give just as God Gives**

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