

Unexpected Christmas

An Unexpected Answer, Luke 1:5-27

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What is God doing in the silence?

We can never confuse God's silence with God's absence.

There was a common language, Roman military peace, and an improved transportation system.

What do I do in the silence?

Genesis 12:2-3

The reason this story is so important to you and I is because there are moments and seasons of our lives and relationships when we wonder, "Is God there? Is God listening? Does God care?" On Christmas, the answer is yes!

We come to that place where we just don't believe our prayers will be answered. We love God, we trust God, we worship God, we serve God...how can He not answer our prayers? Here's my encouragement: Don't stop believing. God may be silent, but don't believe for a minute that He is absent...even when it feels like it.

While the Bible definitely teaches us that there are many times when God's blessing is connected to our belief, our attitude, or our responses, the bottom line is God, as a part of His sovereignty, is going to do what God is going to do regardless of whether or not we believe it. So, we need to believe and trust God even in the silence.

Walking by Faith is choosing to remain faithful in spite of. It is living as if God will, in fact, keep His promise.

The Christmas Story is a reminder that even when God is silent, He is not absent.

God is the God who keeps His promises when it seems like His promises are absolutely impossible to keep.



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