



The Notes

THE THRILL OF HOPE...

Part 4: "Hope Wins"

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TO WIN THE "BATTLE OF LETTING," ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS...

1. ... LET HOPE _____ YOU.

"There were shepherds living out in the fields nearby. It was night, and they were taking care of their sheep. An angel of the Lord appeared to them. And the glory of the Lord shone around them. They were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news. It will bring great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is the Messiah, the Lord. Here is how you will know I am telling you the truth. You will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger.'"

Luke 2:8-12 (NIRV)

"So they went running and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the feeding box."

Luke 2:16 (ERV)

"Gabriel appeared to her and said, 'Congratulations, favored lady! The Lord is with you!' Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. 'Don't be frightened, Mary,' the angel told her, 'for God has decided to wonderfully bless you! Very

soon now, you will become pregnant and have a baby boy, and you are to name him 'Jesus.' He shall be very great and shall be called the Son of God. And the Lord God shall give him the throne of his ancestor David. And he shall reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom shall never end!' Mary asked the angel, 'But how can I have a baby? I am a virgin.'"

Luke 1:28-34 (TLB)

"Mary said, 'I am the Lord's servant, and I am willing to do whatever he wants. May everything you said come true.' And then the angel disappeared."

Luke 1:38 (TLB)

2. ... LET HOPE _____ YOU.

"But Mary kept all these things like a secret treasure in her heart. She thought about them over and over."

Luke 2:19 (NIRV)

"When his parents saw him, they were amazed. His mother said to him, 'Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been worried about you. We have been looking for you everywhere.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he asked. 'Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he meant by that. Then he went back to Nazareth with them, and he obeyed them. But his mother kept all these things like a secret treasure in her heart. Jesus became wiser and stronger. He also became more and more pleasing to God and to people."

Luke 2:48-52 (NIRV)

3. ... LET HOPE _____ YOU.

“(Jesus) came into a small town, and ten men met him there. They did not come close to him, because they all had leprosy. But the men shouted, ‘Jesus! Master! Please help us!’ When Jesus saw the men, he said, ‘Go and show yourselves to the priests.’ While the ten men were going to the priests, they were healed. When one of them saw that he was healed, he went back to Jesus. He praised God loudly. He bowed down at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. (He was a Samaritan.) Jesus said, ‘Ten men were healed; where are the other nine? This man is not even one of our people. Is he the only one who came back to give praise to God?’ Then Jesus said to the man, ‘Stand up! You can go. You were healed because you believed.’”

Luke 17:12-19 (ERV)