

# mary's CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 18, 2022 | Wawasee Bible | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

## Part 4 | Through It *All*, God is Good. Luke 2:1-20

God **ORCHESTRATES** all things (v. 1-6)

from great emperors... (Augustus) v. 1-2

...to poor peasants (Mary & Joseph) v. 3-5 Micah 5:2

to **FULFILL** his plans (v. 7)

Bethlehem Micah 5:2

God's sovereignty Colossians 1:16; Job 42:2

of **GOOD** for **ALL PEOPLES** everywhere.

savior of all... v. 10 Acts 4:12; John 3:16; 1 John 4:9

he is altogether good Psalm 145:9; 119:68; 31:19-20; Nahum 1:7



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Text "ADVENT" to 833-271-8805 to sign up.

You'll start getting a daily scripture to read and a brief devotional thought each day at 8:00a through Christmas morning.

You can also text this number anytime for info or prayer. Just say, "Pray for..." followed by your request.

Or if you just need someone to talk to, start texting us with whatever's going on and someone will be in touch via text.

for Goodness sake...

1. **MEDIATE** on Scripture
2. Look for Good **ALWAYS**
3. Make a List (& **REVIEW** It Often!)

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food for thought...

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

### Food for Thought...

Jesus's birth was in a time of seeming silence from God (it had been 400+ years since the last prophet!). The same can be true for all of us when the challenges and confusion of life can cause us to lose hope and view God as absent. As you read **Ephesians 3:14-4:6** below, what hope are we given for times when life is confusing and God seems nowhere to be found?

As you study the passages below (or in your Bible), mark them up!

- Circle or highlight any words or phrases that catch your attention.
- Underline what you think is important to remember.
- Put an X next to anything that confuses you.

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup>that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup>may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>4:1</sup>I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—<sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

(Food for Thought continues on back panel...)

### Life Groups Return Soon!

Each fall and spring people from Wawasee Bible meet regularly in small groups to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups and they meet in various homes and on campus. If you really want to connect and grow, you need to get in a Life Group! If you're interested, look for sign-ups in January or let us know on a Connect Card. You can fill one out online at [wawasee.today](http://wawasee.today) or find a physical one in the pew racks.



# Welcome to Wawasee!

## OUR MISSION

**We are sent** to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us.

## YOUR PATHWAY

If you call Wawasee Bible "home", we challenge you to pursue **three things**:

### 1. Gather



Show up *regularly* and gather with us for worship.

### 2. Grow



Don't just show up, *grow up* spiritually and connect in a growth ministry like Life Groups.

### 3. Go!



Go and serve somewhere. Contribute as much *or more* **than** you consume!

## Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

### Word Find for Psalm 103:1-6 (NLT)

Find the words **bolded** below.

<sup>1</sup> Let all that I am **praise** the **LORD**; with my **whole heart**, I will **praise** his **holy name**. <sup>2</sup> Let all that I am **praise** the **LORD**; may I **never forget**

the **good things** he does for me. <sup>3</sup> He **forgives** all my **sins** and **heals** all my **diseases**. <sup>4</sup> He **redeems** me from **death** and **crowns** me with **love** and **tender mercies**. <sup>5</sup> He **fills** my **life** with **good things**. My youth is **renewed** like the **eagle's**! <sup>6</sup> The **LORD** **gives** **righteousness** and **justice** to all who are **treated unfairly**.

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G H W F L O J U S T I C E  
I ' ' P I H ' W E K G S L  
V T C R K W D E A T H I O  
E E R A E H N A M E T N R  
S N O I F O R G I V E S D  
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None of us wants to miss out on God's blessing and joy. But as we heard this weekend, our "stinkin' thinkin'" can absolutely rob us of it when we treasure up our griefs & grievances in our hearts rather than God's goodness. Below are a number of verses about God's goodness. Look them up, read them, and jot down a short description of what they impress on you about God's goodness.

- 1 Chronicles 16:34 →

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- Psalms 145:9 →

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- James 1:17 →

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- Mark 10:18 →

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- Matthew 7:11 →

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- Psalms 27:13 →

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- Psalms 107:8-9 →

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- Psalms 119:68 →

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- Nahum 1:7 →

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- Psalms 34:8 →

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- Psalms 143:10 →

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- Psalms 31:19-20 →

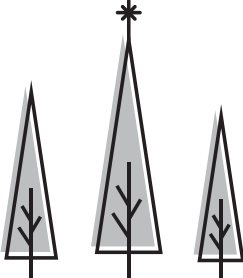
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**Take time this week to read Luke 2:1-21 very slowly. As you do, meditate on all the goodness of God on display.** Consider making a journal in which you note nothing but the goodness of God in Scripture as you read the Bible. You could also include notes about God's goodness to you each day of your life.



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## PART 4

# Through it All, God is Good.

**LUKE 2:21-40; MATTHEW 2:1-23**



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Please register your attendance on our **digital Connect Card** by scanning the QR code with your phone's camera, or by visiting [wawasee.today](http://wawasee.today) in your web browser. Update your contact info, share prayer requests, or just let us know how we can serve you! **You can also access today's bulletin** using the same QR or link.