



### *Thrill of Hope – Week 3*

Mary responded,  
“Oh, how my soul praises the Lord.  
How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!  
For he took notice of his lowly servant girl,  
and from now on all generations will call me blessed.  
For the Mighty One is holy,  
and he has done great things for me.  
He shows mercy from generation to generation  
to all who fear him.  
His mighty arm has done tremendous things!  
He has scattered the proud and haughty ones.  
He has brought down princes from their thrones  
and exalted the humble.  
He has filled the hungry with good things  
and sent the rich away with empty hands.  
He has helped his servant Israel  
and remembered to be merciful.  
For he made this promise to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and his children forever.”

Humility develops in KNOWING and TRUSTING God.

Humility becomes ROOTED in MAGNIFYING God.

Humility ANTICIPATES the HOPE found in Christ.

### **HOW TO RECEIVE FORGIVENESS FROM GOD:**

- 1) Admit you, like everyone else, need a new life in Jesus.
- 2) Ask God to forgive your sins by the sacrifice of Jesus.
- 3) Receive new life from God by trusting in Jesus as your Savior & Lord.

### **You can do that now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:**

*Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness.  
I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you  
as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my Lord. Help me to live for you all  
the days of my life. In your name, Amen.*

### **If you chose to follow Jesus today, text “FAITH” to 309-250-2007 to receive additional information about next steps in following Jesus**

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The faithful love of the Lord never ends!  
His mercies never cease.  
Great is his faithfulness;  
his mercies begin afresh each morning.  
I say to myself, “The Lord is my inheritance;  
therefore, I will hope in him!”

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-24

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### **CHRISTMAS CAMP OUT**

All Heritage families are invited to a Camp Out themed Christmas party!  
This will be a wonderful time of getting to know other families at Heritage while  
enjoying hot coco, cookies, a craft, a Christmas story by the “campfire,” and  
more! Fun for all ages.

Optional: Wear your favorite Christmas sweater

\*No registration required

**TODAY | Rock Island | 3-5PM**

### **BAPTISM**

The very first step of obedient declaration followers of Jesus are invited into  
is Baptism! It's a physical reminder that God is at work. It's also an opportunity  
as a community to share and celebrate how Jesus is making us free to live in  
him! Our next Baptism opportunity is coming on December 18th. Register on the  
Church Center App or go to the Next Steps table for more information.

*Christmas Eve Services*  
**Bettendorf Campus 2PM | 4PM | 6PM**  
**Rock Island Campus 3PM & 5PM**

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Unless otherwise noted, today's Scripture is from the New Living Translation [NLT]

Pastor Michaela Colbrese, December 11, 2022

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