LIVING IN HIGH CONTRAST

LUKE 2:1-21

God uses <u>earthly purposes</u> for His <u>heavenly</u> promises.

• God exalts the humble who hear and believe.

The Ultimate PSA: Jesus is Savior, Christ the Lord.

• God calls <u>ordinary people</u> to live out the <u>Good</u> News of <u>Great</u> Joy.



FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

- 1. The message emphasizes how God uses unexpected people and circumstances to fulfill His promises. How have you seen this at work in your own life or in the lives of others? Ref 1 Corinthians 1:26–31
- 2. How does the humble birth of Jesus challenge our expectations of how God works in the world? Ref Philippians 2:6-8
- 3. Luke 2:11 describes Jesus as "Savior, Christ, and Lord." How do these three titles complement each other, and why are they significant? Ref Acts 2:36; 2 Tim 1:9-10; 1 John 4: 9,14
- 4. How can we balance the idea of treasuring the Good News in our hearts (like Mary) with proclaiming it publicly (like the shepherds)? Ref Psalm 1:2; Matthew 5:14-16, 10:27-33; Colossians 3:16; Philippians 4:8; 1 Peter 2:9
- 5. What does it look like in your life to live in high contrast? What do you need to "put on, or put off" so that people see the Good News in you? Ref Col 3:1-17

"I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now.... Come further up, come further in!"

— C.S. Lewis, The Last Battle