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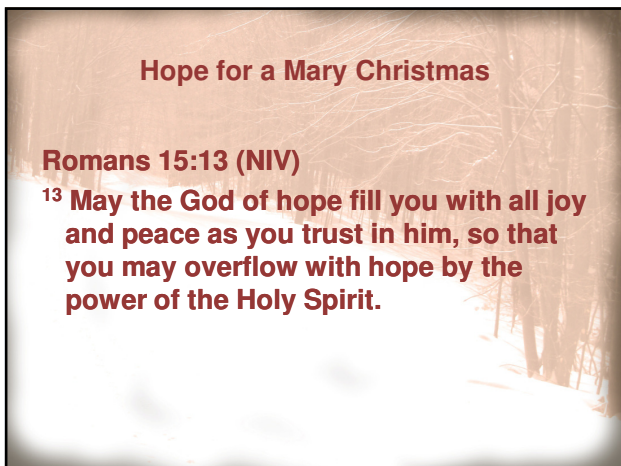
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**1. Mary built her hope on God's promise.**

**Luke 1:29-31 (NIV)**

**<sup>29</sup> Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus.**

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**1. Mary built her hope on God's promise.**

**Luke 1:38 (NIV)**

**<sup>38</sup> "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.**

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**2. Joseph built his hope on God's promise.**

**Matthew 1:19-20 (NLT)**

**<sup>19</sup> Joseph, her fiancé, being a just man, decided to break the engagement quietly, so as not to disgrace her publicly. <sup>20</sup> As he considered this, he fell asleep, and an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to go ahead with your marriage to Mary. For the child within her has been conceived by the Holy Spirit.**

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**2. Joseph built his hope on God's promise.**

**Matthew 1:21 (NLT)**

**<sup>21</sup> And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."**

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**2. Joseph built his hope on God's promise.**

**John 6:42 (NIV)**

**<sup>42</sup> They said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I came down from heaven'?"**

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**3. Abraham built his hope on God's promise.**

**Hebrews 6:13-15 (NIV)**

**<sup>13</sup> When God made his promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater for him to swear by, he swore by himself, <sup>14</sup> saying, "I will surely bless you and give you many descendants."**

**<sup>15</sup> And so after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised.**

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**3. Abraham built his hope on God's promise.**

**Hebrews 6:18-19 (NIV)**

**<sup>18</sup> God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged. <sup>19</sup> We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.**

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**3. Abraham built his hope on God's promise.**

**Romans 4:18 (NIV)**

**<sup>18</sup> Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be."<sup>l</sup>**

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**4. What are building your hope on?**

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- **God promised to make you a new creation.**

**2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)**

**<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!**

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4. What are building your hope on?  
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- Jesus calls you his friend.

**John 15:15 (NIV)**  
**<sup>15</sup> I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.**

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4. What are building your hope on?  
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- God promised to make us his workmanship.

**Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)**  
**<sup>10</sup> For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.**

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