***What Do I Want For Christmas?***

**A Hope Bigger Than My Fears**

Luke 1:26-38

**Luke 1:26 (ESV)**In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth,

**Luke 1:27 (ESV)**to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin’s name was Mary.

**Luke 1:28 (ESV)**And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!”

**Luke 1:29 (ESV)**But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be.

**Luke 1:30 (ESV)**And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

**Luke 1:31 (ESV)**And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus.

**Luke 1:32 (ESV)**He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David,

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**Luke 1:35 (ESV)**And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the Child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.

**Luke 1:36 (ESV)**And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren.

**Luke 1:37 (ESV)**For nothing will be impossible with God.”

**Luke 1:38 (ESV)**And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

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**Isaiah 43:19 (ESV)**Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

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**1 Timothy 1:15 (ESV)**The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

**2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV)**For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

**1 Peter 2:22 (ESV)**He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth.

**1 John 3:5 (ESV)**You know that He appeared in order to take away sins, and in Him there is no sin.

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**Genesis 18:14 (ESV)**Is anything too hard for the Lord?

**Job 42:2 (ESV)**I know that You can do all things, and that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted.

**Jeremiah 32:17 (ESV)**Ah, Lord God! It is You who have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for You.

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