A 12 DAY ADVENT DEVOTIONAL





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Dear Friend,

We are so excited for you as you embark on this 12-day journey learning lessons from the life of Mary and watching the Christmas story unfold before your eyes in a whole new light. Who would've thought that the hope Mary carried in her womb over 2,000 years ago would be the very same hope you and I carry in our hearts today, the hope of Jesus.

The Christmas season can be such a chaotic and busy time of year. Our prayer for you is that as you take time each day to open God's Word and reflect on the things He is speaking to you, that you would find yourself immersed in the true meaning of Christmas and experience the hope of Christ.

Here are a few tips to help you get the most out of your time each day in this advent devotional:

- 1. Start with prayer invite God to prepare your heart to hear and receive what He wants to speak to you
- 2. Use your Bible each devotion is based on the Scripture reading for that day, so you'll want to read the Scripture passage before diving into the devotion for the day
- 3. Keep a journal & pen nearby each devotion is followed by 3 reflection questions to help you reflect and apply the things you learned to your life

Take some time to share what you learn with a relative or friend so they, too, can behold the hope we carry.

Sincerely,

Two Women of Hope

DAY ONE



Our Story, His Glory

Matthew 1:1-17

Our Story, His Glory

Dear Friend,

I'm certain that when reading a book claiming to share "lessons from the life of Mary," you expected to start off with a Bible passage that focused a lot more on well... Mary! Her name comes up eventually, but she isn't exactly the focus. Maybe you're a lot like me and often overlook this Christmas passage - but what if interwoven through this seemingly endless list of names, connected by stories we only partly remember, was a beautiful reminder displayed through Mary and still rings true for you and me today.

While I'd love to sit and unpack the baggage each of these names hold (and trust me your jaw would be on the floor), for today's sake we'll just focus on the women. First, we see Tamar, who was misjudged and rejected by her family during her time of grief (Genesis 38). Rahab was a prostitute, a liar and some would say a traitor to her own nation (Joshua 2). Ruth was a young Moabite widow, living in a foreign land, which meant most proper Jewish men would never consider her a viable option as a wife (Ruth 1-4). "Her who had been the wife of Uriah," more popularly known as Bathsheba, was a married woman whose adulterous lover got her pregnant and had her husband killed (2 Samuel 11).

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Finally, Mary, the virgin girl who seemed to have done things the right way, but now because of her faith and obedience to God would spend the rest of her life being misunderstood by others and viewed as promiscuous. These are the women God chose to highlight in the genealogy of his Son.

May this be a reminder that no matter what you've done, or what has been done to you, your story is valuable in the hands of our amazing God. Do not count yourself out. When we place the beauty and brokenness of our stories into God's hands, He redeems them to play a role in a much bigger story that ultimately leads to the glory of Jesus.

Sincerely, A Reduned Hope Carrier

Reflection Questions



What part of your story do you need to surrender into God's hands?



Which of these women gives you the most hope for what God can do with your story?



How has God redeemed the broken parts of your story for His glory?

DAY TWO



Do Not Be Afraid

Luke 1:26-38

Do Not Be Afraid

Dear Friend,

God desires to do great things in and through your life. Some of these things may seem so wild that they are beyond anything you could ever imagine. Others may even require a miracle to bring them to fulfillment. In fact, if you knew the full scope, it may ignite fear or cause you, like Mary, to question, "How could this be?"

When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and told her that she had found favor with God and would conceive, in her womb, and bring forth a Son, she was a bit confused. Mary clearly understood the baby making process. She knew that she was only betrothed to Joseph and had not known a man. The wedding and consummation were yet to come. Having a baby outside of marriage would have marked her for life, that is, if she didn't suffer death by stoning which was the prescribed penalty for such an act. Although the angel Gabriel's message seemed strange, went against cultural norms, and was beyond Mary's natural abilities and resources, she did not dismiss it. Instead, she asked, "How can this be since I do not know a man?"

"He is the God of the impossible and he is with us, so do not be afraid."

The thing that God was going to do in Mary's life, in her womb, was going to be done through his power, not her own abilities. The angel Gabriel explained, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you." Likewise, dear friend, God has given every believer his Holy Spirit to empower us with boldness to carry the hope of Jesus to those around us. We do not need to be afraid. Yes, our own abilities and resources will prove to be insufficient for the great work that God wants to do through our lives. However, God is not limited by resources, cultural norms, man's ideas, or biology as we know it. He is the God of the impossible and he is with us, so do not be afraid. Say, like Mary did, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word."

Sincerely, A Conragions Hope Carrier

Reflection Questions



What is God calling me to do?



Am I putting limits on God, based on my own resources or abilities?



Are there areas of my life that I have not totally yielded to God? Why? Pray and give him full access to use you as he desires.

DAY THREE



You May Be Misunderstood

Matthew 1:18-24

You May Be Misunderstood

Dear Friend,

Have you ever considered Mary's amazing trust in the Lord? God miraculously conceived Jesus the Savior in her womb! She joyfully carried the Hope of the world within her body. But when Joseph found she was pregnant, he misunderstood the situation and was going to divorce her. Mary was facing the greatest test of her faith. If she lost Joseph, her future reputation and security were lost too. How was she going to handle this uncertainty? My friend, just like Mary, when we carry the hope of Jesus in our hearts, we will be misunderstood at times, and possibly rejected. We will face great tests of our faith. How will we respond?

You may notice, Mary is silent in this portion of Scripture. This may be a key lesson to learn. She doesn't get defensive. She doesn't speak in an angry condemning way to the person misunderstood her. She doesn't act in any fearful or harmful way. I think she entrusted herself to Him who judges justly (1 Peter 2:23). She trusted God and saw Him work out His plan in Joseph's life too. she told that "Nothing Remember, was impossible with God" (Luke 1:37).

"Just as no one could take away the hope Mary carried in her womb, no one can take away the hope of Christ you carry in your heart."

My precious friend, just as no one could take away the hope Mary carried in her womb, even more certainly, no one can take away the hope of Christ you carry in your heart. Mary never wavered in her commitment to obey and submit to the Lord's will for her life. She displays the courage and trust needed to be a woman of hope. Our hope is Immanuel, God with us. When you feel misunderstood or rejected, the hope of Christ provides comforts, strength and security.

Hold on to your hope in Christ. He alone can carry you through times of testing. People may fail to understand you or what God is doing in your life, but remember, you are never alone. Because God is with us, our hope is always with us... Immanuel.

Sincerely, A Comforted Hope Carrier

Reflection Questions



Reflect on a time you were rejected or misunderstood because of your faith in Jesus.



How have you experienced God's comfort, or how has he strengthened you, during these times?



Take time today to share with someone the testimony of how God brought you through a difficult season in your life.

DAY FOUR



Seek Out Community

Luke 1:39-45

Seek Out Community

Dear Friend,

I'm so thankful that God created us for relationships, aren't you? I can't imagine going through life alone because we need each other so often. I don't know about you, but I often process things by talking them out. It's helpful to have a girlfriend to discuss all the ideas that come into my head and heart. It's especially helpful when those friends also love God so we can encourage each other, lovingly correct one another or point out when our thinking is off base. Genuine Godly relationships inspire one another to hold onto hope and believe what God says is true.

The need for relationships is not a new or unique concept. In fact, Mary shows how a Godly relationship can help carry you through some of the most trying experiences of your life! Shortly after realizing she was pregnant, Mary went to visit her relative, Elizabeth. Upon seeing Mary, Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!" Elizabeth continued on expressing how God was pleased with Mary because she believed God would fulfill the promises he made to her.

"Inspire one another to hold onto hope and believe what God says is true."

Imagine that! The same God that spoke to Mary, spoke to Elizabeth and used her to confirm that what Mary heard from the angel was indeed true. This is just one of the many ways God uses relationships with other believers to spur us on as we carry the hope of Jesus within us. Much like Mary, we often need encouragement and confirmation as we walk out the plans God has for us.

I love that God includes these examples in the Bible so we can learn from them. Whether we're going through hard times or simply following God's lead in a new direction, we need Godly community who will stand by us for support, help us hold onto hope and encourage us to be obedient to what God is calling us to do.

Sincerely, An Encouraged Hope Carrier

Reflection Questions

- What godly relationship has God placed in your life?
- What new godly relationships can you pursue?
- What are 3 ways you can be an encouragement to others in your community as they pursue God?

DAY FIVE



Worship in the Waiting

Luke 1:46-55

Worship in the Waiting

Dear Friend,

Do you ever wonder what to do while you're waiting on God? Lately I've been thinking a lot about what one of my mentors used to always say, "Focus on what's true." That's exactly what Mary does in her song. God has a perfect track-record. He has never failed, and he never will! Remember that. Mary mentions God's past deeds, his mighty acts and wonders, and uses the truth to bolster her faith. I love that she's specific! Mary says God has been good to her, but she doesn't stop there. She lists the ways she knows it's true. I can't tell you how many times God has called me to this kind of intentional thanksgiving in a season of waiting.

Now, I'll be the first to admit that doing what Mary did isn't easy. She was facing a lot of unknowns. While neither of us have carried the Savior of the world, we can probably relate to feeling the tension between what we've seen God do in the past and what we see (or don't see) Him doing in the present. Something I'm learning is that most of life is lived in the in-between. While we could let waiting weigh us down, there is a better way: Worship! Worshiping the God who knows the beginning from the end will call our faith to rise to the occasions before us.

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Another thing I love about Mary's song is that she acknowledges that the good that she's experiencing in the present moment is a result of God's promises. She says it has been done, 'just as He spoke.' While again, we might not have a specific prophecy from God about carrying the Savior, the Word is full of other promises that we can cling to.

These promises should cause our souls to 'hope in God' (like the psalmist said in Psalm 42:11). As we do, we exercise our freedom to live at peace, full of joy, with audacious hope for what's to come.

Take heart, dear friend. God is working while you're waiting.

Sincerely, A Worshiping Hope Carrier

Reflection Questions



What are you currently waiting on God for?



Take some time to list out how God has been faithful to show up in your life.



Find 3 promises in God's Word that you can cling to in this season of waiting.

DAY SIX



Unexpected Challenges

Luke 2:1-5

Unexpected Challenges

Dear Friend,

As the Christmas season sweeps through every corner of our lives from home decor, to shopping malls, songs and even recipes, I'm reminded of the many nativity scenes and skits we see this time of year. Usually, Mary is right in the center as the glowing new mom who seems to not have a care in the world aside from the beautiful baby in her arms. But when I consider the reality of Mary's story, my heart breaks for her. Yes, she was honored to carry the Savior of the world in her womb, but her pregnancy was the furthest thing from stress free.

Not only was the pregnancy a surprise, but it was quickly followed by an almost divorce, a long trip to see family and now an untimely journey, while very pregnant, to be counted for the census. I'm sure this wasn't how Mary dreamed her first pregnancy would unfold. Yet, God's hand was purposefully present and in control of every step.

Do you often feel like your life story is a constant series of minor (or major) inconveniences? It may seem as though, while walking in obedience to God, you are constantly having to release expectations and let go of the dreams and plans you made for yourself. Take heart, dear friend, you're not alone.

"When we find ourselves facing unforeseen challenges, we can trust that, though unexpected to us, nothing catches God by surprise."

All the unexpected challenges and inconveniences Mary faced were necessary to put the right people in the right place at the right time, for God's word to be fulfilled. Similarly, when our plans seem to go awry and we find ourselves facing unforeseen challenges, we can trust that, though unexpected to us, nothing catches God by surprise. Life's challenges are one of the many tools God uses to position us exactly where we need to be in order to see his plans for us unfold. He wrote our story before the foundation of the earth (Psalm 139:16). While these stories may be filled with joy, heartbreak and a few major plot twists, we can trust our lives into the hands of the author, our loving Father. He only writes the best stories.

Sincerely,
A Trusting Hope Carrier

Reflection Questions



What unexpected challenge have you faced as you walked in obedience to God?



How has your faith grown as a result of an unexpected challenge?



Reach out to encourage a friend by sharing how God divinely worked through the unexpected challenge in your life.

DAY SEVEN



Closed Doors and God's Provision

Luke 2:6-7

Closed Doors and God's Provision

Dear Friend,

Walking in obedience to God's will for your life is always the best place to be. It is where you will experience the most joy and freedom, but please do not assume that this path will be without discomfort and disappointment. There will be times that you do not understand what God is doing, situations that cause you to feel inadequate and closed doors that lead you to question if you heard God correctly.

For example, Mary submitted to God's plan for her life, to carry and birth the Messiah. Being pregnant and unwed would cause suffering, rejection and ridicule as this opposed cultural norm. In fact, Mary is told by Simeon after the birth of Jesus, "a sword will pierce your own soul, too" (Luke 2:35a). Mary had to leave the familiarity of home during late pregnancy to journey to Bethlehem with Joseph for the census. Upon arrival to the overcrowded town, imagine the disappointment of being told, "There is no room in the inn." What is a pregnant woman to do with no place to lay her head or her soon-to-be newborn babe? (What do you mean Joseph did not go online and make a reservation in advance? - Just kidding) Didn't God see this coming? Didn't he know that the inn would be a closed door?

"Where God guides, God provides." My friend, let us take this lesson from Mary - where God guides, God provides.

Of course, God knew. He knows all things (past, present, and future) and he does what he pleases (Isaiah 46:10). We need not fear nor be discouraged, but rather look to God for his provision when confronted with a closed door. Trust that God already has a plan, and his provision will meet our specific need, even if it is in the form of a lowly manger.

Sincerely,

A Provided for Hope Carrier

Reflection Questions



What steps can you begin taking to walk in obedience to God's will for your life?



What disappointment or closed doors have you experienced as you sought to do God's will?



How have you seen God's supernatural provision as you have walked in obedience to his call on your life?

DAY EIGHT



Earthside Obedience and Heavenly Celebration

Luke 2:8-15

Earthside Obedience and Heavenly Celebration

Dear Friend,

As we approach Christmas, some thoughts are running deep in my mind and heart. This season is about a birth that changed the world. Births are quite special. A new life is a miracle. In some countries, including mine, births are a memorable event. I mean, family members and close friends are invited to be at the hospital on the day the baby is born. And in some hospitals, you stay right outside the delivery room. As soon as the baby is clean, they introduce the newborn to the guests in the corridor through a glass window. There are tears of joy, prayers of thanksgiving to the Lord and exchanges of hugs as a sign of pride and delight. The glass window creates a physical barrier that seems to disappear in the midst of such celebration.

I can't help but think of Mary. She did not have any plans for the day of the birth of her son. We all know that she gave birth under very unusual circumstances and placed the child in a manger. I believe that despite the humble circumstances, Mary's heart was bursting with joy and love. The angel's announcement to the shepherds and the most beautiful choir ever were a testimony to the extraordinary nature of her son's birth.

"Just as Mary carried the hope of the world in her womb, we carry the hope of Jesus in our hearts."

Luke 2 tells us about this beautiful day. After the shepherds learned about Jesus' birth they hurried off and found him. Their excitement was palpable. They spread the word concerning the child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds shared. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. How could such a humble birth have the most unique heavenly celebration? And who would've thought that her obedience would give her the privilege of carrying the hope of all the world in her womb? So inspiring! I love to think that just as Mary carried the hope of the world in her womb, we carry him in our hearts. Jesus is truly all we need.

Sincerely,
A Cylhrating Hope Carrier

Reflection Questions



What amazing things has God done over this past year of your life?



How can you share the message of hope with those around you?



Take time to rejoice and thank God for the hope we have in Jesus.

DAY NINE



Grace in the Mess

Luke 2:16-20

Grace in the Mess

Dear Friend,

Hospitality is at its peak this time of year with Christmas parties, dinners and family celebrations. Whenever my husband and I would have people over, I'd share in the initial excitement of getting to host in our home. I'd romanticize the idea of hospitality, thinking that inviting others over meant fancy dinner settings, candles flickering throughout the house and fresh flowers in a vase by the kitchen window.

Well, friend, those expectations were quickly shattered. Instead, my dreamy dinner aesthetic was crushed by kids' toys haphazardly strewn about our home, crumbs coating the floor and unending piles of laundry I could never seem to catch up with. And the reality?

It. Stressed. Me. Out.

I would literally dread having people over, and eventually, stopped extending the invitation because I was too embarrassed at having a messy home. Have you been there? ...afraid of judgment? Criticism? Afraid to let down the walls of your own heart for fear of what mess would be uncovered to those around you? The scariest part of being fully known is the possibility of rejection, and it feels easier to hide our struggles rather than bring them into the light.

"When we allow people into our mess, our weaknesses give way for God's grace to abound."

However, when we hide our mess, we rob our relationships of true connection and forsake authenticity in attempt to "have it all together." And quite frankly, we cheapen God's grace in our imperfect lives when we feign perfection.

Friend, Jesus has never been wary of meeting us in our mess. In Luke 2:16-20, Mary receives visitors after just days, perhaps even hours, of giving birth. Talk about messy. The most adequate shelter she and Joseph could find was a lowly stable. And still, they received people to share in their vulnerability. Together, they basked in the hope and joy of our Savior.

Like Mary, when we invite people into our mess, our stories point to the hope we carry in Christ, and our weaknesses give way for his grace to abound. The grace of God is revealed through loved ones sharing one another's burdens and encouraging each other amid life's messiest moments. And that, my friend, is worth extending that dinner invitation for.

Sincerely,

A Hope Carrier Embracing Grace

Reflection Questions



What are the "messy areas" of your life that you prefer to keep hidden from God and others?



When has somebody allowed you into the "messy areas" of their life in a way that pointed you closer to God?



Who is a trusted friend or mentor you feel safe letting into the "messy areas" of your life?

DAY TEN



Ordinary Obedience, Extraordinary God

Luke 2:22-40

Ordinary Obedience, Extraordinary God

Dear Friend,

Where have you seen God in your life--in a breath-taking landscape or perhaps the miracle birth of a child? We serve a God who loves to communicate with us and many times, if we are watching, we will see God show up in the ordinary circumstances of our lives.

As we read the story of Jesus' dedication at the temple, I'm captured by this thought of finding God in our everyday routines. When Jesus was eight-days old, Mary and Joseph were obedient to do as they had been commanded. Child dedication was a daily occurrence at the temple, but this day was special. The Messiah had arrived.

This small act of ordinary obedience from Mary and Joseph would result in not one, not two but four lives that would be forever changed.

Joseph led his family in obedience to the Lord in baby dedication. Mary carried the hope of the Messiah in her arms. Simeon showed up with expectation that God would reveal the Messiah to him. And Anna was alert to what God put on her heart to share with the eager new parents. None of these acts were extraordinary in and of themselves. However, when God brought them together, he did something amazing. He revealed his Son as the long-awaited hope, the Messiah.

"If we are watching, we will see God show up in the ordinary circumstances of our lives."

I am curious... what acts of obedience has God called you to in this season of your life? Do you view these daily acts as tasks to be over and done with or as opportunities to offer God heartfelt worship? What if this simple shift in your heart posture would make all the difference in how often you experience these extraordinary "God moments" when God reveals Himself amidst your day-to-day life.

Friend, when we carry these same characteristics, obedience, hope, expectation and alertness, we will find ourselves partnering with God in the fulfillment of his promises. How extraordinary is that!

Sincerely,
An Expertant Hope Carrier

Reflection Questions



What acts of obedience has God called you to in this season of your life?



Do you view these acts as tasks to be done or as opportunities to offer God heartfelt worship?



Take note of 3 extraordinary God things that happen throughout your day as your practice ordinary obedience.

DAY ELEVEN



Gifts Fit for a King

Matthew 2:1-12

Gifts Fit for a King

Dear Friend,

We've all faced a wilderness before, a time of trial where challenging circumstances sap our energy and steal our peace. Sometimes, when examining our abilities, we believe a desert resides inside us. As a result, we conclude we have nothing wonderful inside us to serve the Lord with. Other times, we find ourselves in a garden of flourishing times. The world turns its eyes to our gleaming abilities, and we hoard our talents and treasures for our pride and pleasure, forgetting these Godgiven gifts are simply keys to unlocking deeper worship of God.

In times of trial or abundance, we easily fix our hope and identity in our circumstances and abilities. But in Matthew 2:1-12, the wise men and Mary remind us to choose otherwise.

Because the wise men and Mary put their hope in Jesus, their identities were transformed. Rather than boasting in their wisdom and knowledge, the wise men sought to worship Jesus by bestowing their treasures of gold, frankincense and myrrh to Him. Though poor, Mary offered worship not only through her tender care of Jesus but also by refusing to boast in herself as the earthly mother of the Savior. Rather, she welcomed the wise men into her home to praise the true King.

"Our gifts and talents, whether the world deems them great or small, are beautiful tools for God's glory."

The wise men and Mary carried the hope of Jesus and took on their new identity as worshipers of God. Magnifying the Ruler of stars and galaxies, the Ruler of all, they used their gifts, talents and hearts to worship God.

In contrast, King Herod chose to latch his hope and identity on his own power and fame. He craved worship from man rather than seeking to worship the true King with his wealth. Furthermore, he sought to kill Jesus so that power and glory were his alone.

My friend, you have a choice, too. Will you be like Mary and the wise men who put their hope in Jesus or identify with Herod who wanted the glory for himself? In the same way, when we place our hope in Christ and place our identity in Him, we understand that our gifts and talents, whether the world deems them great or small, are beautiful tools for God's glory. We can offer them back to Him in worship, whether we walk in desert times or garden seasons.

Sincerely,

A Hope Carrier Giving God Glory

Reflection Questions



Are you currently in a desert season or a garden season?



How are you magnifying God in your current season of life?



What can you offer back to God in this season?

DAY TWELVE



Protecting the Hope

Matthew 2:13-18

Protecting the Hope

Dear Friend,

I hope you are having a wonderful Christmas. As I celebrate, I am reminded of the day Christ was born in my heart. I consider it my personal Christmas day. A fiery passion ignited within me, a deep abiding love that I never wanted to lose. A dear friend, sensing my newfound hope, gifted me a book that would become a beacon in my spiritual journey. Its pages warned of the dangers and temptations that lay ahead. It was both a warning and an encouragement for the journey of hope I had just started. Looking back, that day becomes even more significant as I understand she wanted to help me protect the glorious hope I had found in Jesus.

From the very beginning, our hope has faced opposition. When the Magi heard that the Messiah had been born, King Herod tried to trick them into informing him where Jesus could be found. Consumed by a burning desire to extinguish the light of hope, Herod sought to eliminate Jesus, the newborn King. Knowing the evil plans Herod had for Jesus, God warned the Magi in a dream not to report back to Herod. So, they quietly went back to their own countries.

"Protect the glorious hope you have in Jesus."

Not only did God warn the Magi, but he also sent the angel of the Lord to warn Joseph in a dream. The angel instructed them to flee to Egypt for safety. Confidently, they followed the Lord's direction, assured that His guidance would protect Jesus. Years later, the angel of the Lord spoke to Joseph once more, leading them back to Israel. With unwavering faith, they relied on God's guidance to protect the precious gift that had been entrusted to them.

Likewise, dear friend, we too must rely on God's guidance to protect the precious gift that has been entrusted to us. As we celebrate Christmas day, may we reflect on our personal Christmas when the hope of Christ was born in our hearts. This hope is precious and worth protecting. This is the hope that we carry.

Wishing you a joy filled Christmas!

A Fellow Hope Carrier

Reflection Questions



What challenges are threatening the hope you have been entrusted with?



What are you doing to strengthen your faith and protect the hope that has been given to you?



How can you help someone else protect the hope they have in Jesus?



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THE HOPE WE CARRY

THIS ADVENT SEASON, WE ARE INVITED TO PAUSE, REFLECT AND PREPARE TO CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF JESUS, OUR SAVIOR. IT IS A TIME TO RENEW HOPE, CULTIVATE PEACE AND REDISCOVER THE JOY THAT COMES FROM GOD.

