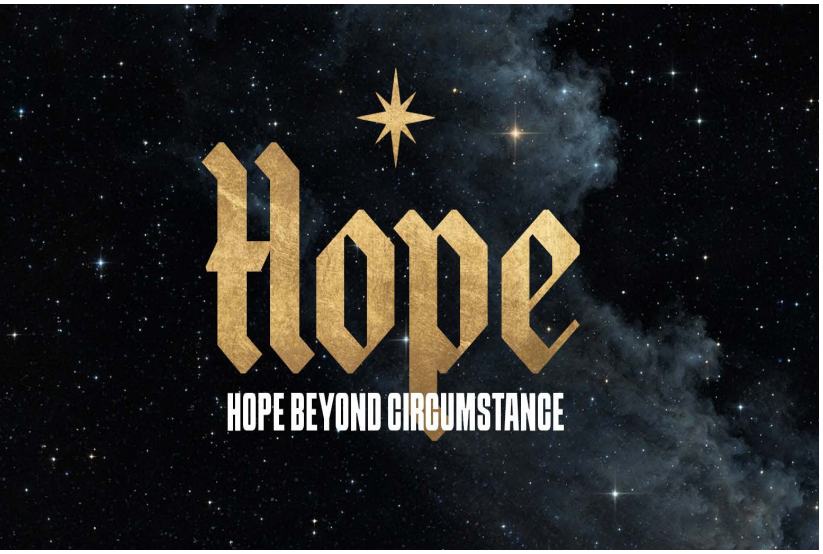


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NEXT STEPS



In the Midst: How Christmas Breaks Into Our World

Hope Beyond Circumstance
Luke 1:5-25

Questions to ***Dig Deeper***:

1. Zechariah and Elizabeth served God faithfully for decades while carrying the private ache of unanswered prayer. What is a "not yet" space or delayed prayer in your life right now? How do you keep your heart from growing distant from God while waiting?

2. Zechariah encountered God on what began as a routine day at work. How often do we miss God moving because we are looking for a dramatic sign rather than expecting Him in our everyday routines? Where might God be inviting you to notice Him in your current daily schedule?

3. Elizabeth spent five months in quiet seclusion, choosing to cultivate and protect her hope rather than broadcasting it to the world. Why is silence and solitude often so uncomfortable for us, and what practices help you guard and nurture your spiritual hope during quiet or hidden seasons?

4. When faced with extraordinary news, Zechariah's immediate impulse was to ask for proof. When circumstances feel uncertain or overwhelming, what makes it so hard to trust God's character over what our eyes see? What helps ground your trust when you don't have a clear road map?

5. Bill mentioned that a simple photo of Christmas lights in April served as a tangible reminder that hope wasn't theoretical. What is a specific "anchor", a Scripture verse, a past memory of God's faithfulness, a worship song, or a visual reminder, that helps keep you grounded when your world feels unstable?