HIS Story – Chapter 1 – The Birth of Hope

Do you remember your reaction when you first heard about Jesus? Or how about your reaction when you realized He was the one true King, the Son of God, your Savior? HIS Story starts off with a bang, Luke’s account of arguably the greatest miracle ever, the virgin birth.

In Luke 2, we get a glimpse at some of the reactions people had when they heard about the birth of Jesus. HIS Story, using the NLT, tells us that the shepherds went and told everyone who would listen. “All who heard the shepherds’ story were astonished.” The NASB says that “all who heard it wondered.” To be astonished means that they were overwhelmed and surprised by the shepherds’ story. To wonder says that they questioned the validity of the story.

But Mary had a different reaction. The NLT says “Mary kept all these things in her heart and thought about them often.” The NASB says that “Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart.” The heart is the seat of our emotions. To say that Mary kept these things or treasured them in her heart, is to say that Mary held this very near and dear to her. It was precious, priceless, she wouldn’t trade it for anything.

Each of us has a chance to experience this story personally, when Jesus comes into our personal world to save us. So let me ask you...

- What is your reaction to Jesus? Not just this story, but Him.
- When he came into your world, how did you react?
- Or how about when He tries to come into your world now? Are you astonished, do you wonder (like the townspeople that heard the shepherds’ story)?
- Do you treasure Him and your relationship with Him in your heart (like Mary)?
- Do you go out and tell everyone about him (like the shepherds)?

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