

MESSAGE NOTES



Series: Christmas of New Hope
Message: Hope for the Displaced or Disrupted
Speaker: Rusty Coram
Date: December 14th, 2025

Christmas reminds us that why difficult things happen to us is ultimately less important than who we trust.

“¹²Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely.”

1 Corinthians 13:12 (NLT)

“⁴For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.”

Romans 15:4 (NIV)

God uses difficult circumstances for us to experience His presence and power in our lives.

God also uses difficult circumstances for us to show His presence and power to others.

“³All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. ⁴He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. ⁵For the more we suffer for Christ, the more God will shower us with his comfort through Christ. ⁶Even when we are weighed down with troubles, it is for your comfort and salvation! For when we ourselves are comforted, we will certainly comfort you. Then you can patiently endure the same things we suffer. ⁷We are confident that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in the comfort God gives us.”

2 Corinthians 1:3–7 (NLT)

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Mary and Joseph were devoted to God and accepted the assignments He gave them. They were aware of how He had worked in the past and trusted Him with their lives, as those before them had. Wherever you are today, and whatever you are facing, God is able and ready to understand and carry you through. Spend some time reading the following passage, and as you do, ask God what He is showing you and ask Him for humility, grace, and courage like Mary and Joseph show us.

"For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires. ¹³ Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable.

¹⁴ So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. ¹⁵ This High

Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most."

Hebrews 4:12–16 (NLT)

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