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**Looking for Something More
Finding More Hope this Christmas!**

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➤ **Isaiah’s Prophecy tells me that...**

1. Hopelessness is a timeless _____.

Nevertheless, that time of darkness and despair will not go on forever. **Isaiah 9:1a**

Before you believed in Christ, you were separated from him. ...You were without hope and without God in the world. **Ephesians 2:12 (NIRV)**

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2. God wants me to know that my hopeless is _____.

- Hopelessness then and now results from ...
 - Not _____ God’s voice.
 - Not _____ God’s voice.

3. God allows me to feel hopelessness for a _____.

The land of Zebulun and Naphtali will be humbled... **Isaiah 9:1b**

We remind you, friends, of the trouble we had... The burdens laid upon us were so great and so heavy that we gave up all hope of staying alive. ⁹ We felt that the death sentence had been passed on us. But this happened so that we should rely, not on ourselves, but only on God, who raises the dead. **2 Corinthians 1:8, 9 (GNB)**

- Self-reliance is _____.
- Reliance on God is _____.
- Pride is _____ and humility is _____ because...

“God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” **1 Peter 5:5b (ESV)**

He has no use for conceited people, but shows favor to those who are humble.

Proverbs 3:34 (GNB)

Do you see a person wise in their own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for them. **Proverbs 26:12**

4. God has a desire and plan to have my hopelessness _____.

Nevertheless, that time of darkness and despair will not go on forever. The land of Zebulun and Naphtali will be humbled, but there will be a time in the future when Galilee of the Gentiles, which lies along the road that runs between the Jordan and the sea, will be filled with glory. The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine. **Isaiah 9:1, 2 (NLT)**

...but the angel said to them, "Don't be afraid! I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people. **Luke 2:10 (GNB)**

For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." **Jeremiah 29:11 (GNB)**

5. God plan involves a personal _____.

For a Child is born to us, a Son is given to us. **Isaiah 9:6a (NLT)**

This very day in King David's hometown a Savior was born for you. He is Christ the Lord. **Luke 2:11 (CEV)**

➤ **Why should I trust Jesus as my Lord and Savior?**

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, ...from that time on and forever. **Isaiah 9:6, 7 (NLT)**

Because this “child,” when my Lord and Savior provides the...

- _____ of God to direct me. “Wonderful Counselor”
- _____ of God to strengthen me. “Mighty God”
- _____ of God to secure me. “Everlasting Father”
- _____ of God to comfort me. “Prince of Peace”

... AND THIS IS TRUE FOR _____ AND _____ !

And this hope will never disappoint us... **Romans 5:5 (EXB)**