



Christmas Home Memories (Love)

Luke 2:11-21

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Luke 2:11 "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger" 15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." 16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. 17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. (NIV)

Mary's response is not an interruption in the action of the story, but an interpretation of how we are to experience what God is doing.

Mary did not rush through these holy moments; she rested in them.

Let's slow down so Christmas is not only celebrated, but contemplated.

How?

▪ Receive: "all these things" – Observe perceptively what God is doing.

Prophecy of the Angel and Prophets (Scripture)

Testimony of the Shepherds (Stories)

Reality of the Baby (Son)

▪ Reflect: "pondered" – Think actively about what God is doing.

▪ Respond: "heart" – Trust obediently what God is doing.

Luke 2:21 On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived. (NIV)

Let's not just take quick photos at Christmas.

Let's slow down enough to allow God to paint a portrait of Jesus in our hearts.

▪ Retain: "treasured up" – Gather carefully what God is doing.

Luke 2:51 But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. (NIV)