

GOOD

A silhouette of a nativity scene is visible within the second 'O' of the word 'GOOD'. It depicts Mary kneeling, Joseph standing, and the infant Jesus lying in a manger, all illuminated by a warm, golden light.

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The background of the entire image is a dark blue night sky filled with numerous small, bright white stars. A dark, silhouetted landscape with rolling hills is visible at the bottom. The word "GOOD" is written in large, gold-colored, serif capital letters. The letter "O" in the middle of "GOOD" contains a silhouette of a nativity scene, showing Mary, Joseph, and the infant Jesus in a stable.

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NOTICING JOY

LUKE 1:39-55 (NIV)

Mary Visits Elizabeth

³⁹ At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, ⁴⁰ where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.



LUKE 1:39-55 (NIV)

⁴² In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! ⁴³ But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"



LUKE 1:39-55 (NIV)

Mary's Song

⁴⁶ And Mary said:

“My soul glorifies the Lord
⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸ for he has been mindful
of the humble state of his servant.
From now on all generations will call me blessed,



LUKE 1:39-55 (NIV)

- 49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me—
holy is his name.
- 50 His mercy extends to those who fear him,
from generation to generation.
- 51 He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;
he has scattered those who are proud in their
inmost thoughts.



LUKE 1:39-55 (NIV)

- 52 He has brought down rulers from their thrones
but has lifted up the humble.
- 53 He has filled the hungry with good things
but has sent the rich away empty.
- 54 He has helped his servant Israel,
remembering to be merciful
- 55 to Abraham and his descendants forever,
just as he promised our ancestors."

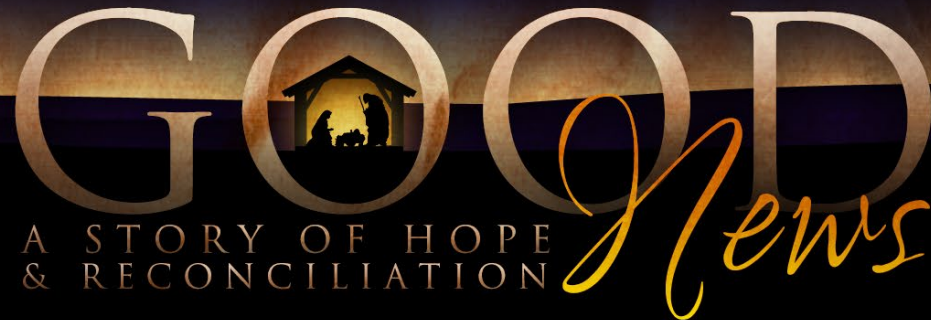


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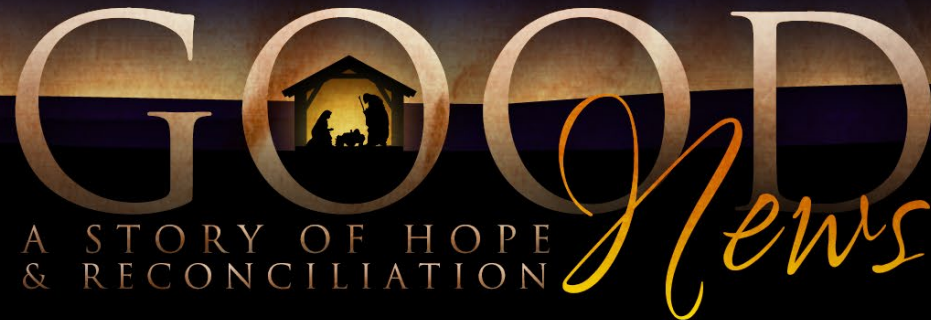
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- Noticing Joy



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- Noticing Joy
- Choosing Joy

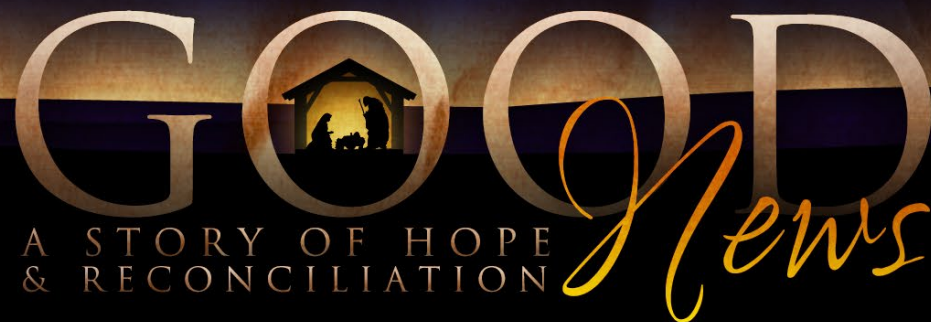


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"Joy does not simply happen to us. We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day."

- Henri Nouwen

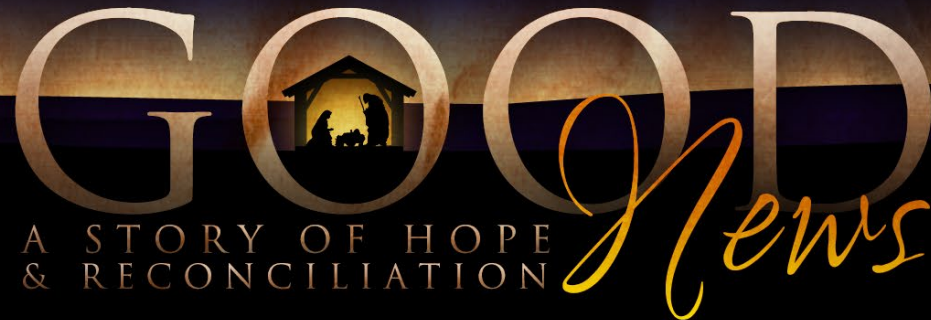


REDISCOVERING JOY

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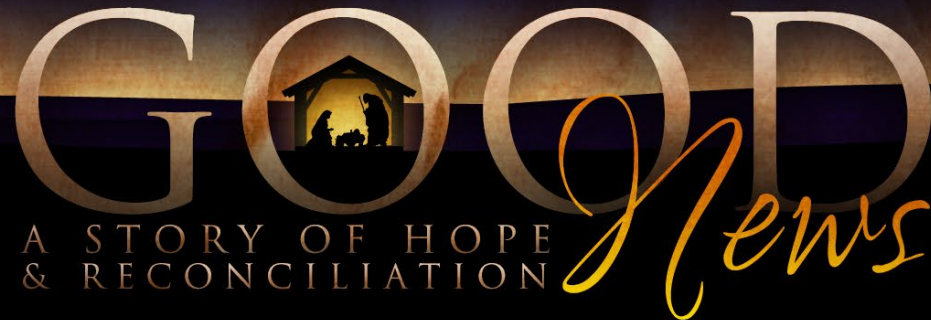
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- Expectations



REDISCOVERING JOY

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- Joy and Pain



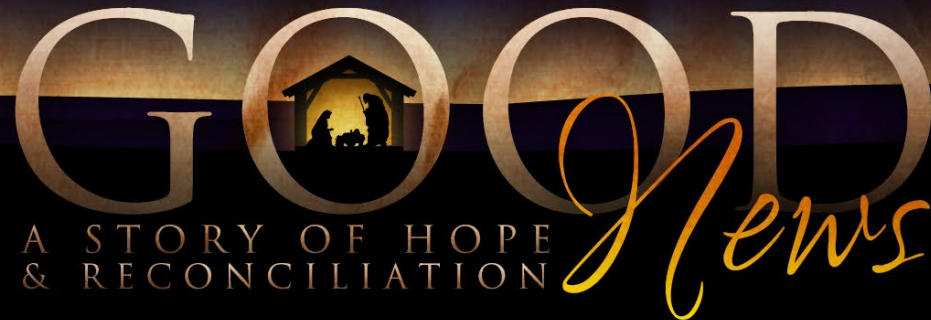
2 CORINTHIANS 6:10 (NIV)

¹⁰ sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.



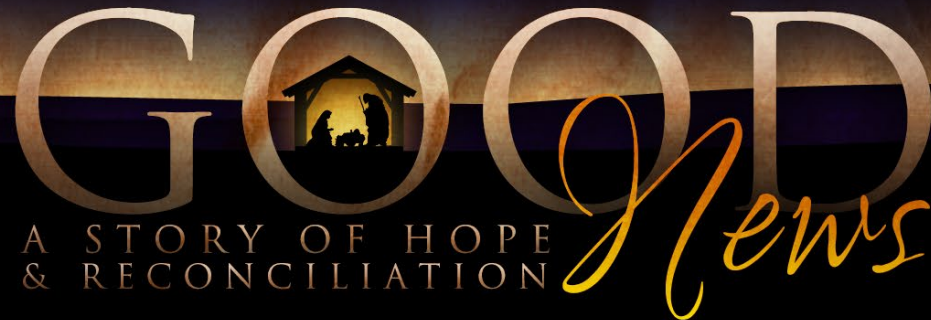
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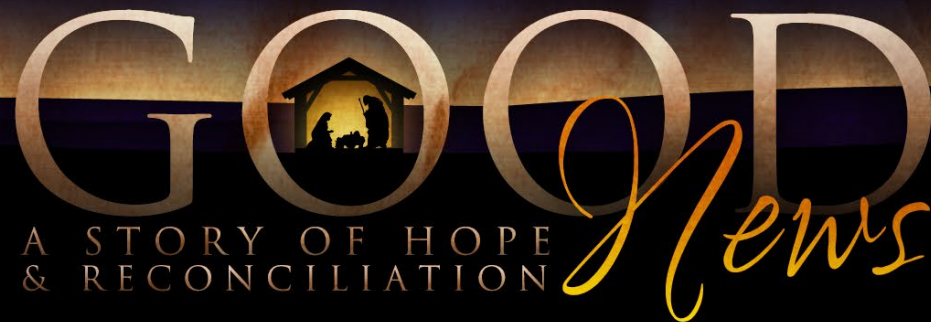
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- Expectations
- Joy and Pain
- Let light in



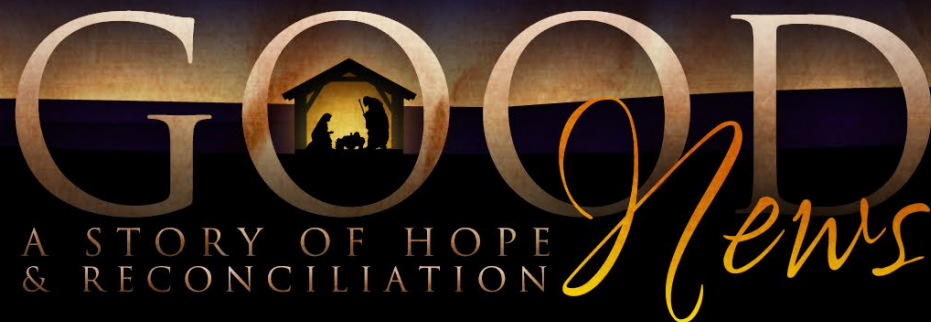
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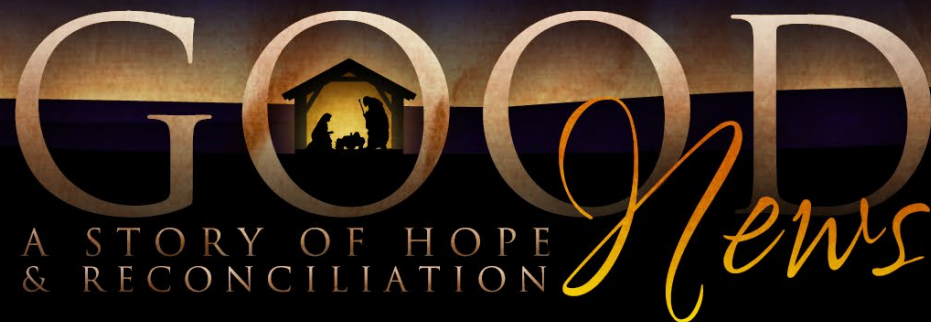
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REDISCOVERING JOY

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- Presence



Waiting Joy

Joy doesn't appear – it waits

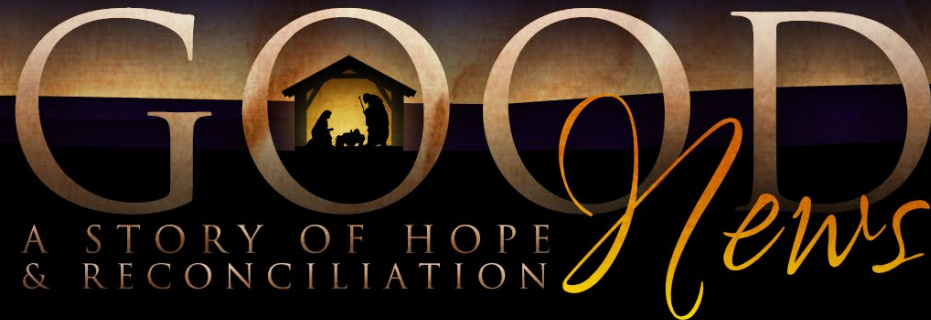
For us to

Notice

Focus

Be Open

Participate



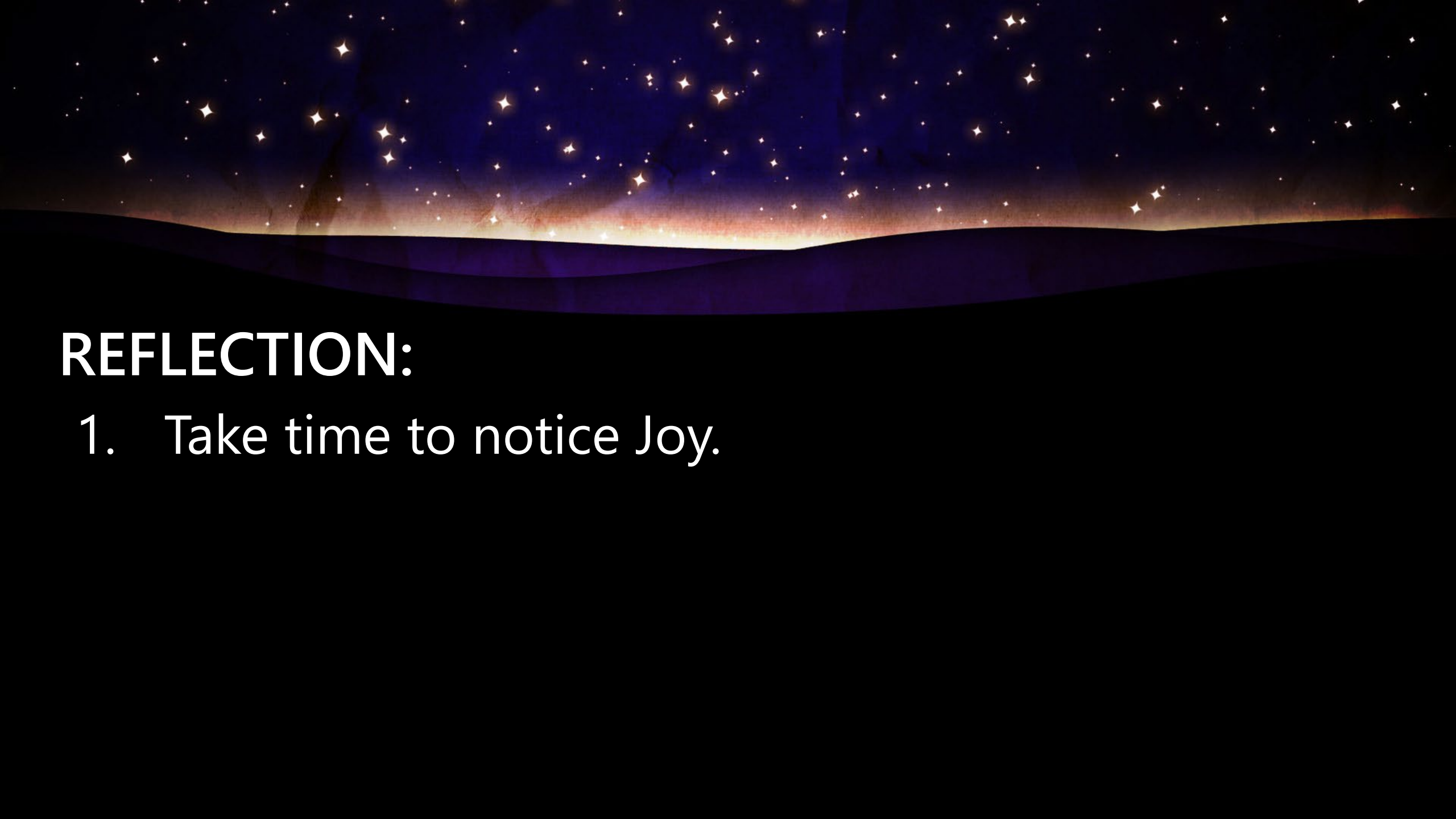
LUKE 2:19 (NIV)

¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.



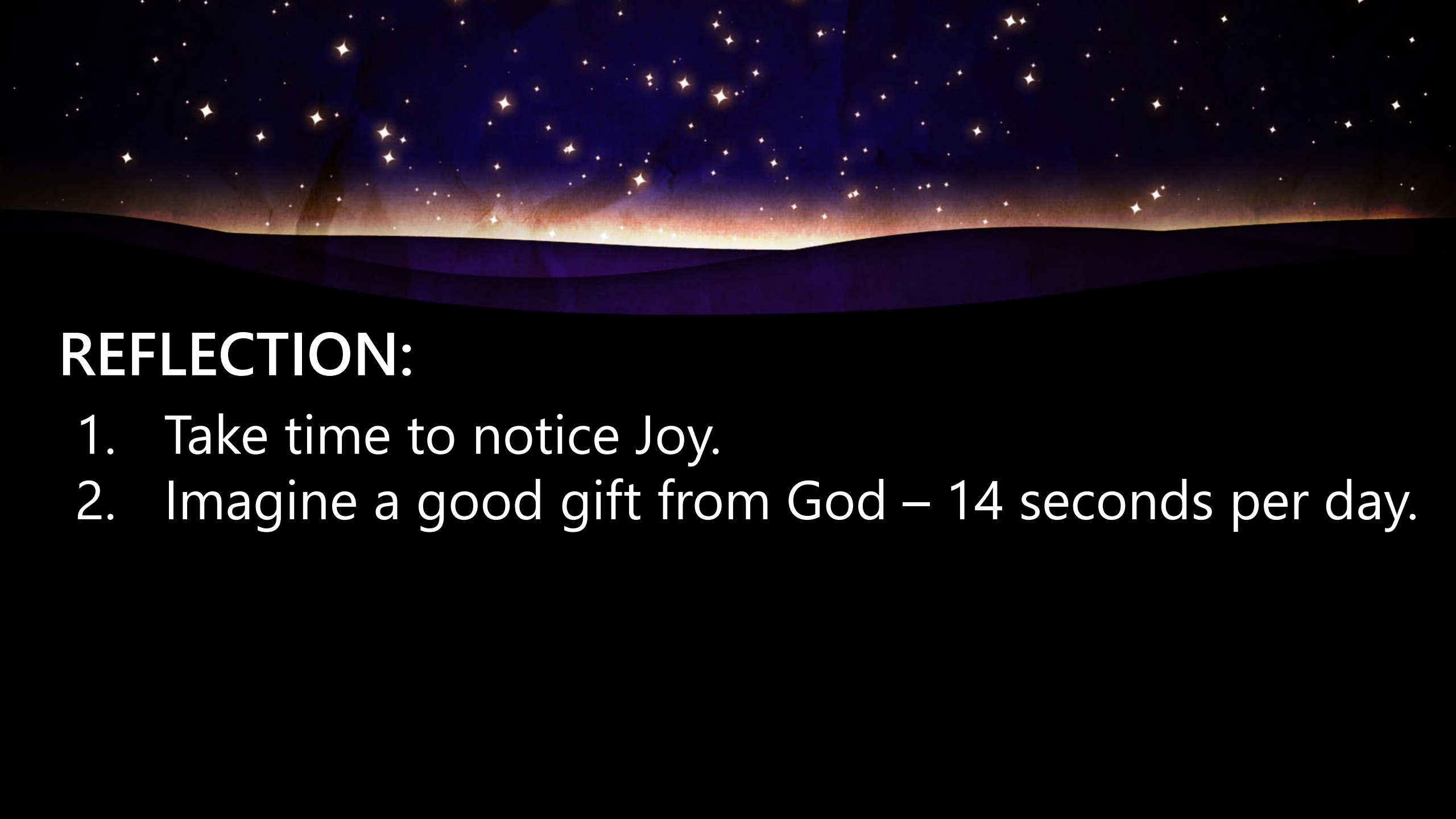
The image features a dark blue night sky filled with numerous small, bright white stars. A thin, glowing orange and yellow horizon line separates the starry sky from a dark, silhouetted landscape below. The landscape consists of rolling hills or mountains. The word "REFLECTION:" is written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters on the left side of the dark landscape.

REFLECTION:

The background of the slide is a night sky. The top half is a deep blue with numerous small, bright white stars. Below the stars is a thin, horizontal band of orange and yellow light, suggesting a horizon or a nebula. The bottom half of the slide is a solid black, with a wavy, dark blue line separating it from the orange band.

REFLECTION:

1. Take time to notice Joy.



REFLECTION:

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2. Imagine a good gift from God – 14 seconds per day.







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