CHRISTMAS TIME

Ecclesiastics 3:1 For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven.

Galatians 4:4 But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law.

A Time To Respond To Problems Luke 1:26-38

26 In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee,

- 27 to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David.
- 28 Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!"
- 29 Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean.
- 30 "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God!
- 31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus.
- 32 He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David.
- 33 And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!"
- 34 Mary asked the angel, "But how can this happen? I am a virgin."
- 35 The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God.
- 36 What's more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she has conceived a son and is now in her sixth month. 37 For the word of God will never fail."
- 38 Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true." And then the angel left her.

There Is A Problem
Psalm 25:17 My problems go from bad to worse. Oh, save me from them all!
The Plan Of God
God's Plans Are

Jeremiah 29:11 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.

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Proverbs 19:21 You can make many plans, but the Lord's purpose will prevail.
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Psalm 33:11 But the Lord's plans stand firm forever; his intentions can never be shaken.
Ephesians 1:10 And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth.
The Process Time To Finish
James 5:11 We give great honor to those who endure under suffering. For instance, you know about Job, a man of great endurance. You can see how the Lord was kind to him at the end, for the Lord is full of tenderness and mercy.
 In A Way That Pleases God
James 2:14 What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone?
 The Promise And The Power
Mark 12:24 Jesus replied, "Your mistake is that you don't know the Scriptures,

and you don't know the power of God.

Ephesians 3:14 When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, 15 the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth.

- 16 I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit.
- 17 Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong.
- 18 And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is.
- 19 May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.
- 20 Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.

21 Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.