



COMMUNITY OF FAITH

BEST GIFT | WEEK 5

OPEN YOUR HEART TO CHRISTMAS

Your Father in heaven does not want a single one of the tripped, waylaid, stumbling little ones to be lost. Matthew 18:14 (VOICE)

But when she saw him (the angel), she was greatly troubled and disturbed and confused at what he said and kept revolving in her mind what such a greeting might mean. Luke 1:29. (AMP)

Mary (deciding in her heart): Here I am, the Lord's humble servant. As you have said, let it be done to me. And the heavenly messenger was gone. Luke 1:38 (VOICE)

They hurried off and found both Mary and Joseph, and the baby who was lying in the feeding trough. After seeing them, they reported the message they were told about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary was treasuring up all these things in her heart and meditating on them. Luke 2:15-19 (Holman)

"If you are tired from carrying heavy burdens, come (home) to Me and I will give you rest... rest for your soul." Matthew 11:28-30 (CEV)

This God made us in all our diversity from one original person, allowing each culture to have its own time to develop, giving each its own place to live and thrive in its distinct ways. *27 His purpose in all this was that people of every culture and religion would search for this ultimate God, grope for Him in the darkness, as it were, hoping to find Him. Yet, in truth, God is not far from any of us. For in him we live and move and have our being.* Acts 17:26-28

He does our praying in and for us, making prayer out of our wordless sighs... the word that saves is right here, as near as the tongue in your mouth, as close as the heart in your chest. Romans 8:28 & 10:8 (Message)

We throw open our doors to God and discover at the same moment that He has already thrown open His door to us!" Romans 5:1-2 (Message)