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Series: Advent: A Thrill of Hope

Title: The Soul Felt Its Worth

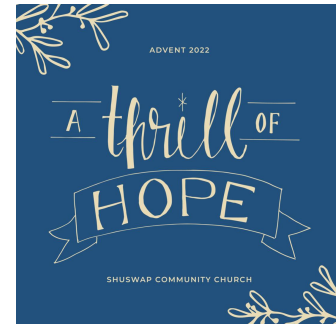
Primary Passage: Luke 1:46-49

Secondary Passages: Genesis 1-3, Luke 1, Philippians 2

Big Question: What is the solution to our struggle?

Big Idea: We have a great need, but because of his great love, God, who is the source of our true worth, sent his Son Jesus into the world to rescue us, and in that reality, we rejoice and feel our worth.

Keywords: Need, source, rescue, repair, rejoice, holy, humble, worship, worth



LIFE Application Questions:

Take some time to read through the Primary Passage and all of the Secondary Passages noted above.

Read and reflect on the lyrics for the first verse of *O Holy Night* (printed on the reverse side).

How have you struggled to feel your worth?

Sometimes just recognizing your need and sharing your struggle with others is a huge step towards healing and wholeness.

How have you tried to “fix” your life? In what ways have you attempted to be your own functional saviour?

Why is the appearing of Christ such a big deal?

What is worship? Why is it so important?

Pray for one another:

- For openness to honestly share your struggles with one another and for opportunities to be ministers of the gospel of grace to one another.
- For genuine repentance, turning away from sin and turning wholeheartedly to the God who has “done great things”.
- For a renewed attitude of worship, knowing our worth in Him by lifting up the One who stepped into the mess of the world to set us free.

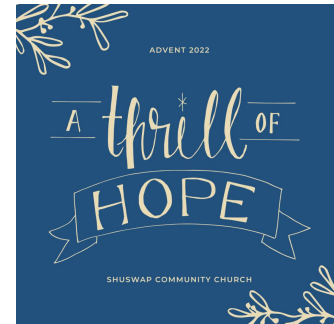
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O Holy Night!

The stars are brightly shining

It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth!

Long lay the world in sin and error pining

'Til he appeared and the soul felt its worth.

We all struggle to know our place, to feel our worth. Where do we turn in the face of this common struggle?

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1. Our Great Need

vs. 48, notice how Mary identifies herself: “the humble estate of his servant”

- Mary represents the lowly and poor status that we all share.
- Long lay the world in sin and error pining (Genesis 1-3)

2. Our Great Source

vs. 48, “for he has looked on”

vs. 49, “he who is mighty has done great things...holy is his name”

- ‘til he appeared
- *My worth is not in what I own...but in the costly wounds of love at the cross.*
- Imago Dei (image of God, see Genesis 1:27)
- Jesus, the One possessing utmost worth, humbly set aside his glory so that we might know our worth in Him. - Philippians 2

3. Our Response

vs. 46-47, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,”

- The soul felt its worth.
- Worship (ascribing worth)
 - Mary’s proper worship reverses Eve’s misplaced worship.
 - When we put the eyes of our hearts on God, we take them off of ourselves and, ironically, that’s when we truly know who we are, what we’re about, and our place and value in God’s story.

vs. 48, “from now on all generations will call me blessed”

- A life that is centered on God, ordered by God, saved by God, completely obedient to God is noticeable, and indeed it is attractive.