"Stories of Hopeful Faithfulness: The Women of Christmas!"

Some thoughts from Luke 1-2 Pastor Gregg Hensel December 24, 2023

Introduction

I. Elizabeth: "The LORD has removed ______."

- A. Her ______ is gone. She rejoices in the LORD.
- B. She rejoices, though the _____ of another woman will be greater than her own.
- C. Are we more concerned that God gets the ______ than that we get the credit?

II. Mary: "I am the LORD's _____."

- A. She knew she could lose her _____. Or worse.
- B. She ______ it all because God is worth the risk.
- C. It's because Mary was ______ that she was special.

III. Anna: "God's ______ is now here."

- A. Anna means <u>""</u>.
- B. God always has a _____ of believers.
- C. She _____ Him to all who would listen.

Conclusion

- 1. The barren gave birth to a _____.
- 2. The virgin gave birth to the _____ of God.
- 3. The widow declared the _____ of God.
 - These women show us the power of patient, _____, hopeful expectation in the Lord.

The example of Charlie Riggs. "In _____ my head."

What is God asking you to do that you have been resisting until now?