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**"TIME TO BE AT PEACE WITH IT ALL"**

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**LUKE 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b, 8-18, 19 (NASB)**

### **I. AT PEACE WITH HER FINANCIAL SITUATION**

**INSIGHT:** Mary endured her pregnancy in utter poverty (Luke 2:22-24).

### **II. AT PEACE WITH THE BIRTH, LUKE 2:1-3, 4-7a**

\*Joseph took Mary with him for two possible reasons:

1. He wanted to protect this child at birth and attend to Mary as he loved her greatly.
2. To save Mary from embarrassment.

**INSIGHT:** We must never forget... People can count!

### **III. AT PEACE WITH A DESPERATE BIRTH SPOT**

### **IV. AT PEACE WITH ALONELESS, Luke 2:7b**

### **V. MARY AT PEACE IN IT ALL, Luke 2:8-18**

**INSIGHT:** The arrival of the shepherds wasn't a source of great joy to Mary and Joseph, yet we read her thoughts in Luke 2:19.

**TRUTH:** The headline of the nativity is that Mary's attitude was at peace.

### **INVITATION:**

**\*QUESTION:** How do you deal with what God allows to take place in your life?

**QUESTION:** When was the last time something happened that wasn't good, and you chose to treasure it in your heart?

**WHAT TIME IS CHRISTMAS?** It's time to live every day knowing what we're going through is part of a much bigger story... God is in the midst of whatever you're going through, and He'll work through it, IF we trust Him.

**TRUTH:** Mary saw her birth journey as something God was trusting her to endure for a greater purpose.

**TRUTH:** A victim mentality doesn't change anything.

**INSIGHT:** Christmas is the time to be at peace with your life.