



HARK!



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DEFINED

"TO LISTEN ATTENTIVELY OR TO PAY CLOSE ATTENTION,
OFTEN USED TO URGE SOMEONE TO LISTEN."



LUKE 2:10-11 NLT

¹⁰BUT THE ANGEL REASSURED THEM. "DON'T BE AFRAID!" HE SAID. "I BRING YOU GOOD NEWS THAT WILL BRING GREAT JOY TO ALL PEOPLE. ¹¹THE SAVIOR — YES, THE MESSIAH, THE LORD — HAS BEEN BORN TODAY IN BETHLEHEM, THE CITY OF DAVID!"



WHY DO WE ALL
DESPERATELY NEED SOME
GOOD NEWS?



GENESIS 3:6 NLT

6THE WOMAN WAS CONVINCED. SHE SAW THAT THE TREE WAS BEAUTIFUL AND ITS FRUIT LOOKED DELICIOUS, AND SHE WANTED THE WISDOM IT WOULD GIVE HER. SO SHE TOOK SOME OF THE FRUIT AND ATE IT. THEN SHE GAVE SOME TO HER HUSBAND, WHO WAS WITH HER, AND HE ATE IT, TOO.



ROMANS 5:12 NLT

¹²WHEN ADAM SINNED, SIN ENTERED THE WORLD. ADAM'S SIN BROUGHT DEATH, SO DEATH SPREAD TO EVERYONE, FOR EVERYONE SINNED.



ROMANS 3:10-12 NLT

¹⁰AS THE SCRIPTURES SAY,

“NO ONE IS RIGHTEOUS—
NOT EVEN ONE.

¹¹ NO ONE IS TRULY WISE;
NO ONE IS SEEKING GOD.

¹² ALL HAVE TURNED AWAY;
ALL HAVE BECOME USELESS.

NO ONE DOES GOOD,
NOT A SINGLE ONE.”

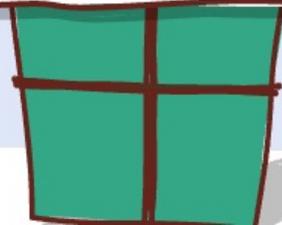


**WE NEED THIS GOOD NEWS
BECAUSE WE ARE ALL DEAD
AND IN NEED OF
RESURRECTION.**



EPHESIANS 2:1-3 NIV

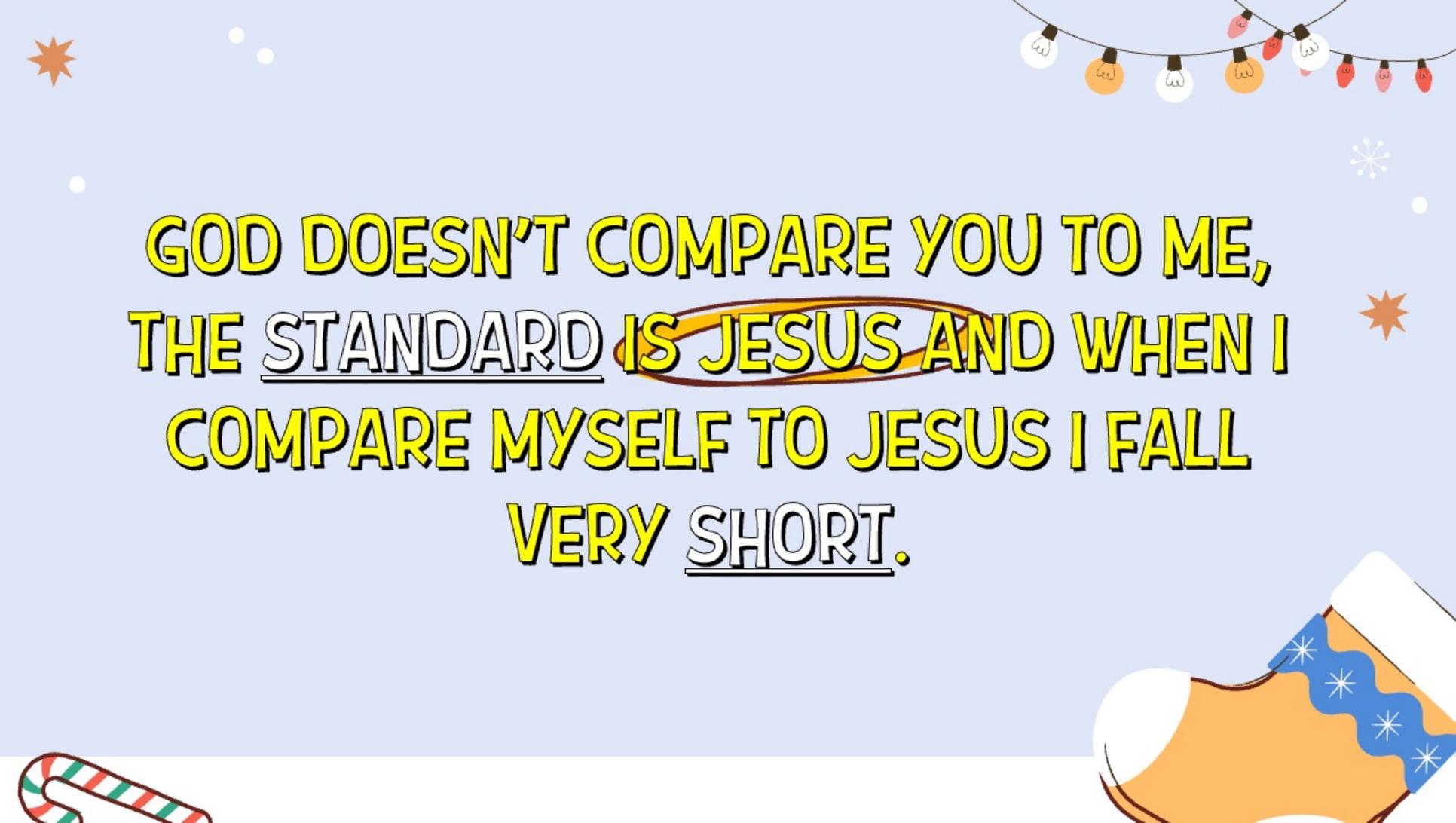
¹AS FOR YOU, YOU WERE DEAD IN YOUR TRANSGRESSIONS AND SINS, ²IN WHICH YOU USED TO LIVE WHEN YOU FOLLOWED THE WAYS OF THIS WORLD AND OF THE RULER OF THE KINGDOM OF THE AIR, THE SPIRIT WHO IS NOW AT WORK IN THOSE WHO ARE DISOBEDIENT. ³ALL OF US ALSO LIVED AMONG THEM AT ONE TIME, GRATIFYING THE CRAVINGS OF OUR FLESH AND FOLLOWING ITS DESIRES AND THOUGHTS. LIKE THE REST, WE WERE BY NATURE DESERVING OF WRATH.





ROMANS 6:23A

²³FOR THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH,

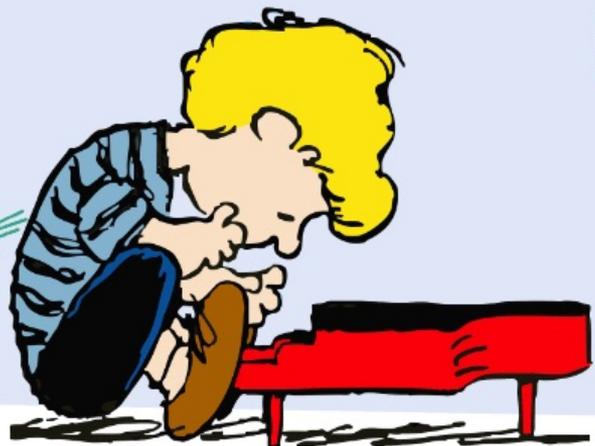


**GOD DOESN'T COMPARE YOU TO ME,
THE STANDARD IS JESUS AND WHEN I
COMPARE MYSELF TO JESUS I FALL
VERY SHORT.**

THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS
THAT WE ARE LOST, SINFUL,
DEAD IN OUR SIN AND WE
DESERVE WRATH.



THE GOOD NEWS
OF LUKE 2



THE GOOD NEWS IS ALTHOUGH WE ARE
LOST, DEAD IN OUR TRANSGRESSIONS,
AND MORE WICKED THAN WE ARE EVER
ABLE TO ACCEPT OR IMAGINE, WE
ARE LOVED MORE FULLY AND
FEROCIOUSLY THAN WE
CAN COMPREHEND.



THE GOOD NEWS
IS JESUS



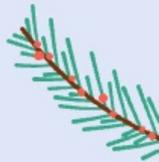
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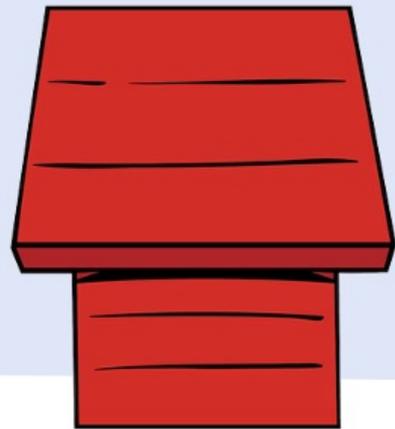


ROMANS 5:1 NLT

¹THEREFORE, SINCE WE HAVE BEEN MADE RIGHT IN GOD'S SIGHT BY FAITH, WE HAVE PEACE WITH GOD BECAUSE OF WHAT JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD HAS DONE FOR US.



SHALOM IS THE BLESSING OF
LIVING IN THE PRESENCE AND
PROTECTION OF GOD.



THE GOOD NEWS IS JESUS

→ THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS MEANS WE HAVE **PEACE** WITH GOD, OUR CREATOR.

→ THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS MEANS WE HAVE **ACCESS** TO HIS **GRACE**.



ROMANS 5:2 NLT

2BECAUSE OF OUR FAITH, CHRIST HAS BROUGHT US INTO THIS PLACE OF UNDESERVED PRIVILEGE WHERE WE NOW STAND, AND WE CONFIDENTLY AND JOYFULLY LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING GOD'S GLORY.



HEBREWS 4:16 NLT

¹⁶SO LET US COME BOLDLY TO THE THRONE OF OUR GRACIOUS GOD. THERE WE WILL RECEIVE HIS MERCY, AND WE WILL FIND GRACE TO HELP US WHEN WE NEED IT MOST.



GOD'S GRACE FREES US
FROM THE IDEA THAT
WE MUST EARN OUR
WAY BACK TO GOD.
JESUS HAS DONE ALL
THE WORK FOR US.



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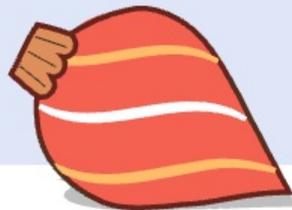
→ THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS MEANS WE HAVE **HOPE** TO **ENDURE**.

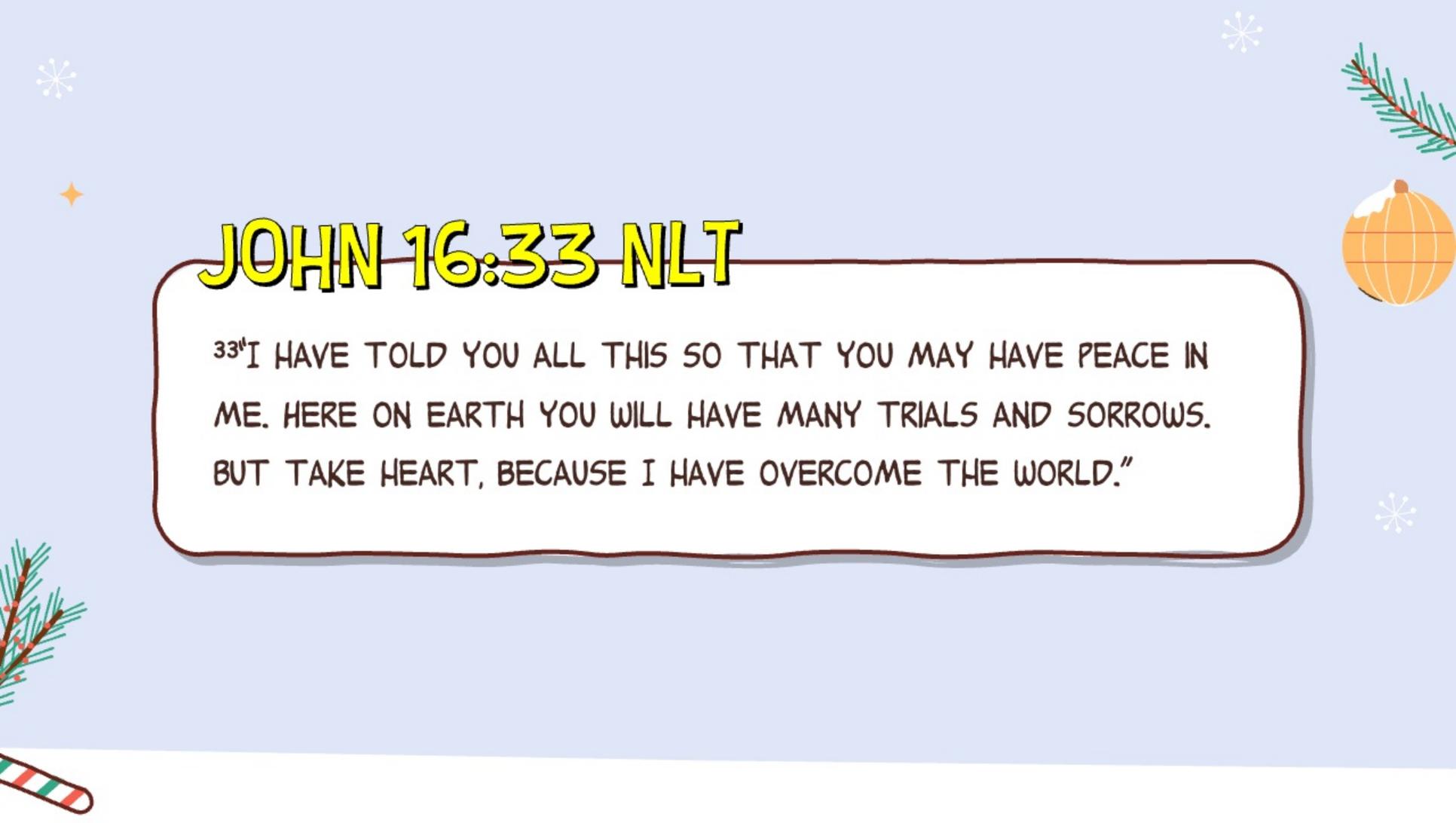


ROMANS 5:3-5 NLT

³WE CAN REJOICE, TOO, WHEN WE RUN INTO PROBLEMS AND TRIALS, FOR WE KNOW THAT THEY HELP US DEVELOP ENDURANCE. ⁴AND ENDURANCE DEVELOPS STRENGTH OF CHARACTER, AND CHARACTER STRENGTHENS OUR CONFIDENT HOPE OF SALVATION. ⁵AND THIS HOPE WILL NOT LEAD TO DISAPPOINTMENT. FOR WE KNOW HOW DEARLY GOD LOVES US, BECAUSE HE HAS GIVEN US THE HOLY SPIRIT TO FILL OUR HEARTS WITH HIS LOVE.

GOD IS NOT INTERESTED IN
MAKING THE PATH EASY,
HE IS INTERESTED IN
MAKING US HOLY.



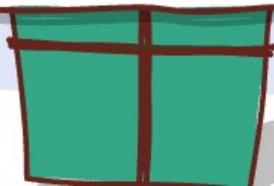
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JOHN 16:33 NLT

³³I HAVE TOLD YOU ALL THIS SO THAT YOU MAY HAVE PEACE IN ME. HERE ON EARTH YOU WILL HAVE MANY TRIALS AND SORROWS. BUT TAKE HEART, BECAUSE I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD."

HEBREWS 10:1-4 NLT

¹THE OLD SYSTEM UNDER THE LAW OF MOSES WAS ONLY A SHADOW, A DIM PREVIEW OF THE GOOD THINGS TO COME, NOT THE GOOD THINGS THEMSELVES. THE SACRIFICES UNDER THAT SYSTEM WERE REPEATED AGAIN AND AGAIN, YEAR AFTER YEAR, BUT THEY WERE NEVER ABLE TO PROVIDE PERFECT CLEANSING FOR THOSE WHO CAME TO WORSHIP. ²IF THEY COULD HAVE PROVIDED PERFECT CLEANSING, THE SACRIFICES WOULD HAVE STOPPED, FOR THE WORSHIPERS WOULD HAVE BEEN PURIFIED ONCE FOR ALL TIME, AND THEIR FEELINGS OF GUILT WOULD HAVE DISAPPEARED.



HEBREWS 10:1-4 NLT

³BUT INSTEAD, THOSE SACRIFICES ACTUALLY REMINDED THEM OF THEIR SINS YEAR AFTER YEAR. ⁴FOR IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR THE BLOOD OF BULLS AND GOATS TO TAKE AWAY SINS.



HEBREWS 10:10 NLT

¹⁰FOR GOD'S WILL WAS FOR US TO BE MADE HOLY BY THE SACRIFICE OF THE BODY OF JESUS CHRIST, ONCE FOR ALL TIME.

