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God is working His purposes in the world. You can personalize that – God is working His purpose in you. He has a clear plan and purpose and though you may not always understand it, God is in control. Today we see the Christmas story through the lives of Joseph and Mary.

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"I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you" (Genesis 12:3, NIV).

Luke 1:38 (ESV) Luke 14:16-20 (NLT) 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NIV)

1 Chronicles 16:23-30 (NIV) 1 Samuel 16:7 (ESV) Luke 6:45 (NLT)