



# Holy Moments:

Appearances

Announcements

Treasured

Lk 2:15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

<sup>16</sup> So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

# Holy Moments: Treasured

## Treasured

This is MY boy!

I am so proud of him!

Even God thinks my boy is great!

## Pondered

But what does this mean?

What will happen to him?

Later: Simeon says

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Treasured

Pondered

But what does this mean?

What will happen to him?

Later: Simeon says “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against,  
<sup>35</sup> so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

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## Pondered

<sup>36</sup> There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup> and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. <sup>38</sup> Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

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Mary Treasured

Mary Pondered

The positive- Angels came; Shepherds saw them

The negative- Simeon; He will see the savior;  
he did, and he told of future pain

The positive- Anna; He will redeem Israel

# Holy Moments: Treasured

Years passed:

Very key

Everyone thinks their child is special in some way

We notice things;

They log in our memories

We believe in our children when they don't

You could be a \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus grew  
Nearly an adult

Lk 2:41 Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. <sup>43</sup> After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. <sup>44</sup> Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup> When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers.

<sup>48</sup> When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.”

<sup>49</sup> “Why were you searching for me?” he asked. “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?” <sup>50</sup> But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>51</sup> Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup> And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

His mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you... Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?”

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The boy knows.

He knows Joseph isn't his father.

Everything I have kept to myself all these years:

Jesus is now confirming

For 3 days he talked theology with the teachers  
of the law.

He asked questions of them.

They were better scholars than in Bethlehem

Someone else can hear how deep his questions

# Holy Moments: Treasured

Every person needs to be treasured

Child

Spouse

Single friends

Elderly

Easy to take people for granted

# Holy Moments: Treasured

Christmas is a time to treasure people and their actions in your heart

What is a treasure?

A treasure is what matters most to you.

It may not look like much to others...

But it is yours

Do you treat your \_\_\_\_\_ as a precious gift?

# Holy Moments: Treasured

A holy moment can also be an “aha!” moment.

“I did not realize how much I valued \_\_\_\_\_.”

It is the stuff of most romantic comedies.

What is treasured fills a space in your life.

What is treasured

# So What?

What do you treasure?

How has God used what you treasure to speak to you?

What little things have stuck in your head that brings God into the equation?