



“A Change of Perspective”

Isaiah 9:6

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“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

Isaiah 9:6, NIV

1. “Mighty”: See the power in the manger

The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.”

Luke 1:35, NIV

“Now glory be to God! By his mighty power at work within us, he is able to accomplish infinitely more than we would ever dare to ask or hope.”

Ephesians 3:20, NLT

“We pray that you’ll have the strength to stick it out over the long haul – not the grim strength of gritting your teeth but the glory-strength God gives. It is strength that endures the unendurable and spills over into joy...”

Colossians 1:11, Message

This Christmas I need strength to...

2. “God”: See the glory in the manger

“Who among the gods is like you, O Lord? Who is like you – majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?”

Exodus 15:11, NIV

“The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.”

Psalms 19:1, NIV

“The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.”

Hebrews 1:3, NIV

The Christmas I need a bigger perspective on...

3. "Everlasting": See the hope in the manger

"For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in him. That is why we say 'Amen' when we give glory to God through Christ." 2 Corinthians 1:20, NLT

"Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us." Romans 5:3-4, NIV

"Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us. They give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises." Romans 15:4, NLT

This Christmas I need to trust that...

4. "Father": See the love in the manger

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16, NIV

"Nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:39, NLT

This Christmas I need God's love for...