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PART 1: To Renew Hope

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- Three things the Christmas season brings
 1. Food
 2. Lights
 3. Reflection
- A season where God is more openly acknowledged
 1. God's gift to mankind
 2. The hope we have in Jesus Christ God's Son (*Luke 1:79 NKJ*)

A COUPLE HAS THEIR HOPE RENEWED (*Luke 1:11-20 NKJ*)

- Zacharias and Elizabeth had not abandoned God
 1. They were living right before God
 2. They had abandoned hope in God's promises
- A supernatural experience
 1. An angelic visitation - a rare occurrence
 2. Zacharias would not believe the message
 3. The silence was a safety net - so Zacharias would not disconnect from God's promise
- Zacharias missed the big picture
 1. The child would cause great joy and gladness but...
 2. The purpose was not simply to make a couple happy, but God had a plan

RENEWING HOPE IN YOUR LIFE

- It's possible for you to see God's goodness in your life
 1. Don't allow age, time and past experiences to determine the parameters of your future
 2. Become more spiritually oriented (*Proverbs 3:5 NKJ*)
- Talk yourself into God's promises, not out of them
 1. It's important to have a scriptural basis for what you believe (*2 Peter 1:4 NKJ*)
 2. Treat God's promises as great and precious
- Tie into God's bigger plan
 1. God's promises being fulfilled...
 2. God's bigger plan is to make you a light and a blessing to others