

# HANDLE WITH HUMILITY

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## Christmas in Mary's Hands

Text: Luke 1:26-38

### *Handling Christmas (Part 2)*

#### Questions for Reflection & Discussion

1. When have you felt "greatly troubled" by something that you felt God was saying to you? Why?
2. Do you ever feel like a by-stander or spectator rather than a player in the Word and work of God? If not, why not? If so, what is that like?
3. In what ways does all the "stuff" of Christmas make it difficult for you to receive the "substance" of Christmas?
4. Do you ever experience God speaking to you? How does it happen?
5. What is one particular "Word" from the Lord that you sense you are meant to receive and act upon?
  - Carry someone's burdens (Gal 6:2)
  - Give to the needy (Luke 6:38, Mark 6:37, Luke 18:32)
  - Confess, forgive, reconcile (Luke 6:41; Jas 5:6; Col 3:13)
  - Pray for someone (Lk 6:38; Mt 5:44; Jas 5:6; 2Th 3:2)
  - Encourage someone (2Sam 19:7; 1Th 5:11; Heb 3:13)
  - Share my faith or an invitation (1Pet 3:15; Mat 22:9)
  - Invest in a child (Prov 22:6; Mark 10:14)
  - Seek stillness, solitude, rest (Ex 14:14; Ps 46:10; Mk 6:31)
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<sup>1</sup> Bruce Thielemann, "*Glory to God in the Lowest*"