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**GRACE NOTES Radio Program**

**The Christmas Story**

**Part 4: What is our role?**

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**Best Gift of All**

**INTRO: Welcome to Grace Notes. This is the last program in our Christmas story presentation. We've seen that God chose people who were, young, old, lowly, elite, and even peculiar, to play the roles. The common thread was that they were willing and ready. The beauty of the Christmas story is not just that Jesus CAME to earth, but WHY He came. Listen and hear more...**

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**The story doesn't end with Jesus' birth.**

**The angel called Him, 'Emmanuel', which means 'God with us'.**

**He came to LIVE among us so we could see God and know His love.**

**He took no shortcuts, no easy road.**

**He came as a baby, not as a man - to experience what we experience.**

**He was born into a poor family, not to royalty - so everyone could identify with Him.**

**And He suffered more than we'll ever suffer - so he can empathize with us.**

**Hebrews 4:15-16 says...**

**We have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feelings of our infirmities for He was in all ways tempted such as we, yet without sin.**

**Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

**But the most important reason He came was to meet our deepest need.**

**His Name is Jesus, which means 'The Lord is Salvation'.**

**If our greatest need had been information,**

**God would have sent us an educator.**

**If our greatest need had been technology,**

**God would have sent us a scientist.**

**If our greatest need had been money,**

**God would have sent us an economist.**

**If our greatest need had been pleasure**

**God would have sent us an entertainer.**

**But our greatest need was forgiveness,**

**So God sent us a Savior.**

**The joy of Christmas comes in knowing "Who Jesus is".**

**WHO IS JESUS TO YOU?**

**by Barbara Sandbek**

**As He lies there asleep  
on His mother's strong arm  
Does He know what's to come?  
Does He know all the harm  
that the world will inflict  
though much good He will do?  
Have you given much thought?  
WHO IS JESUS TO YOU?**

**As He heals the lame man  
and gives sight to the blind  
Does He know they'll reject Him?  
Does He know in His mind  
that they'll spit on Him, mock Him,  
and then crucify  
on a cross that's not fit  
for any man to die?  
So why did He come here?  
What good did it do?  
Have you given much thought?  
WHO IS JESUS TO YOU?**

**He came to redeem us  
from sin's penalty,  
to die in our place  
so that we'd be set free.  
The sin of the world  
on His shoulders did rest  
and through His own sacrifice  
the world will be blest.  
He knew He would die.  
That's what He had to do.  
So what do you think of Him?  
WHO IS JESUS TO YOU?**

**Is Jesus just simply  
a child in a manger,  
a man on a cross,  
a Galilean stranger?  
Does He have a place  
in your heart as your Savior?  
Are you living for Him?  
Have you tasted His favor?  
If you've not accepted  
His gift of Salvation  
you've accepted the way  
to eternal damnation.  
So believe in His Name.  
He died just for you.  
Won't you give it much thought?  
WHO IS JESUS TO YOU?**

**John 3:17-18 says...God sent not His Son into the world to condemn  
the world but that the world through Him might be saved. He that believeth  
on Him is not condemned, but he that believeth not is condemned already,  
because he hath not believed in the Name of the only begotten Son of God.**

**Is Jesus your Savior? If not, just pray this prayer...**

**God in heaven...thank you for sending your Son to show me You love me.  
I know I've sinned against You and can't come to You except through Jesus.  
I believe He died for me, and rose again to save me. I ask Him to come into  
my life, and be my Savior and Lord. AMEN.**

**If you prayed that prayer, you've received the best gift you could  
ever receive.**

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\*\*\* BEST GIFT OF ALL \*\*\*  
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**There was much suffering in the lives of the Christmas story players,  
but their blessings are eternal - not just for them but for you and me.**

**Let's review the cast of players and their roles. See if you can find yourself in one  
or more of these people...**

**Are you like Isaiah? - you've been given a promise and faith to believe it.**

**You may not see the answer in your lifetime but pray, pray, pray.**

**We should all be John the Baptists – promoting the Lord’s Gospel message and preparing the way, by the life we lead, so others are drawn TO Him, not FROM Him.**

**Are you in a time of barrenness, like Elizabeth - waiting for God’s blessing? Hold fast. He may make you wait but He is never late.**

**Elizabeth and Zechariah lived upright lives. They were ready for service. If God called you to serve Him, would you be prepared, or would you have to ‘get ready’, and maybe miss the opportunity?**

**Joseph was willing to play a supportive role. We need more ‘behind the scenes’ people who can be content to help without the accolades. If you’re one of these, be assured, your ministry is every bit as important to God, as that of the stage people.**

**Last but not least is Mary, who lived a Godly life. She was ready to deliver the message of Christ, and was willing to do it God’s way. Oh, that we might be the same as we play our part to the Glory of God and reap eternal rewards.**

**Is there a sequel to this story? You bet..and I think you might be in it! God chose to use mankind to spread His ‘Good News’ message and redeem the world. We’re as important in His future plan as Mary and Joseph were. If we don’t follow His commands, think of the impact it could have on the eternity of our friends and family.**

**That night in Bethlehem was just a beginning.  
Jesus came to bring glad tidings of great joy to ALL people – hope for eternity.  
He will come again - not to die - but as King.  
And every knee will bow and every tongue will confess - JESUS is LORD.**

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