

## *Marriage Minute*

Just a little help to make your marriage better than ever!



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"My soul glorifies the Lord  
and my spirit rejoices in God my  
Savior, for he has been mindful of  
the humble state of his servant.  
From now on all generations will call  
me blessed, or the Mighty One has  
done great things for me—holy is his  
name.—Luke 1:46-49

Thank God that in this world of "Fake News" we know of an unbelievable truth that has changed the course of mankind for over 2,000 years and is still changing the course of people every day, people who are searching for peace in the midst of a world of chaos.

The miracle that Mary experienced is for all of us. She was the first to carry the Christ child, Jesus who is the way to eternal and abundant life. He died and rose from the dead to prove he was the real deal. Ever since then Christ has been born in the hearts of millions who were willing to surrender their lives for the life Christ has to offer. Only then can one truly know the love of God, and have that love to give to another. Without Christ, the best a couple can have is a mutual use agreement. That isn't love, and it just doesn't work. Yes, some people who are not Christians do have a genuine love, but that isn't the norm. Theologians call that "prevenient grace," the acts of God working in the lives of people who don't know Him. The only way one can be assured of knowing love is to give your life to Jesus, and let Him give you His unconditional love.

The secret for a successful marriage is no secret at all—it is Jesus. As we consider the season of Christmas let's seriously consider allowing the Christ Child who was born to Mary more than 2,000 years ago be born again in our own hearts today. This is one reality you can count on; it is not "fake news," Thank God!

**Question for Dialogue:** Have you had the Christ child born in your own heart? How has that changed your outlook? Your life?

**Prayer for Both of Us:** Lord, help us to sing Mary's song from the heart, glorifying God and rejoicing in what he is doing in our lives.

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