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THE GOSPEL IN SONGS & STORIES CHRISTMAS 2016

THE SONG OF ISAIAH – A SONG OF HOPE Isaiah 7:1-15; Isaiah 9:1-7

"We must accept finite disappointment but never lose infinite hope."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

A song for failing trust

When life gets threatening, it's tempting to throw our trust in Godoverboard.

When life gets scary, it's tempting to panic and run ahead of God with our plans.

We think we want to know God's will until it conflicts with our plans, our goals, or our desires.

Before we run too far, too fast, or too scared, God gave this advice:

pay attention, stop and listen, reaffirm your trust, and don't panic.

(Isaiah 9:4)

God's sign of encouragement was not just for the present, it was for an eternal future.

A song for budding hope

As bad as things were for those in the Redeemer, the gloom would be lifted! (Isaiah 9:1)

The child <u>was born</u>, but the Son <u>was given</u>. (Isaiah 9:6)

This unique person didn't bring the solution, he is the solution.