



# Thrill of Hope

## For The Insignificant

### Key Scripture

Psalm 31:24 NKJV

Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart, **All you who hope in the Lord.**

### O Little Town of Bethlehem

Micah 5:1-5 NKJV

1 Now gather yourself in troops, O daughter of troops; He has laid siege against us; They will strike the judge of Israel with a rod on the cheek.

2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting."

3 Therefore He shall give them up, Until the time that she who is in labor has given birth; Then the remnant of His brethren Shall return to the children of Israel.

4 And He shall stand and feed His flock In the strength of the Lord, In the majesty of the name of the Lord His God; And they shall abide, For now He shall be great To the ends of the earth; 5 And this One shall be peace.

### Insignificance

#### ✓ **Unimportant**

Luke 14:8 PHILLIPS

For everyone who makes himself important will become **insignificant**, while **the man who makes himself insignificant will find himself important.**

#### ✓ **Unnoticed**

1 Corinthians 1:27-28 Message

27 Isn't it obvious that **God deliberately chose men and women that the culture overlooks and exploits and abuses,**  
28 chose these "nobodies" to expose the hollow pretensions of the "somebodies"?

#### ✓ **Unappreciated**

Isaiah 42:3 Message

He won't brush aside the bruised and the hurt and **He won't disregard the small and insignificant,** but He'll steadily and firmly set things right.

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### Significant Hope

#### 1. **Recognize** Jesus is the Messiah.

Micah 5:2 NKJV

"But you, **Bethlehem Ephrathah**, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, **Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting.**"

#### 2. **Realize** it's not all about you.

Micah 5:2b NKJV

...**Yet out of you shall come forth to Me** The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting."

Micah 5:4 NKJV

And He shall stand and feed His flock In the strength of the Lord, **In the majesty of the name of the Lord His God;**

John 17:4 NKJV

**I have glorified You on the earth.** I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.

#### 3. **Respond** to the revelation of who He is.

Micah 7:18-19 NIV

18 Who is a God like you,

**who pardons sin and forgives the transgression** of the remnant of His inheritance?

**You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.**

19 **You will again have compassion on us;**

**You will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.**

Micah 6:8 NIV

He has showed you, O man, what is good. And **what does the Lord require of you?**  
**To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.**

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