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## The Attitude of Hope

*Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord.*

*Psalm 31:24*

Do you remember the setting of Jesus's birth? Mary had been visited by the angel Gabriel and was told that even though she was a virgin she would become pregnant and bear the "Son of God." What would have been your attitude?

Joseph had been commanded by the angel of the Lord to take Mary to be his wife even though she was now found to be pregnant. Mary and Joseph were commanded to go Bethlehem so that Caesar Augustus could get his census taken even though she was great with child. They went anyway, with no reservations for accommodations, and ended up in a stable for the birth. Again, what would your attitude have been?

I believe that sometimes hope comes from having the right attitude. Think about it during this Advent season. I heard it once said, "A bad attitude is like a flat tire. You won't go anywhere unless you change it." Don't let the demands of the season take away your attitude of hope.

*Hope give us strength and courage as we rely on you. Amen.*

- David Buker