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Wonderful Counselor

Isaiah 9:6 – For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Our Savior *IS* _____

not just *A* _____

He is a _____ to _____ Us.

The main idea: If God doesn't give us the miracle we think we need, or never even did another thing for us, the miracle of His Son sent to guide us is enough. The fact is, God often doesn't send the miracle we want, and if our faith is resting on whether or not He does, we will quickly lose heart. Instead, Let's hang our faith on Jesus being enough. Because He is.

Scripture references

Isaiah 7:14, Isaiah 55:9, Job 36:26, Romans 11:33, Isaiah 28:29, Psalm 26:7, Psalm 31:21, Psalm 119:129, Psalm 139:14, Jeremiah 29:11, Psalm 37:23-24, 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13, Romans 13:8-10, Matthew 5, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, 1 Corinthians 1:28-31, John 4:48, John 3:16, 1 Peter 3:16

Our response?

1. Be prepared to share your hope and faith in Jesus Christ. Knowing your own story of becoming an actual follower of Jesus is a great start. Write it on the inside cover of your Bible this week.
2. Closely related to #1, start now to build your ability to defend your faith. Read Lee Stroebel's "The Case for Christ" this Christmas season.
3. Begin praying now for open doors, and actually look for opportunities to share the great news of the Miracle. (Note to self: I am actually going to do this. Yes No. If "No," then I am committing to #1 and maybe #2.)

Someone I need to share my hope with this month: _____

4. Remind yourself, your family or friends around the dinner table, your kids, your cousins – anyone who will listen – that there is a Miracle we're celebrating this Christmas.

One situation I might be able to do this in: _____

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