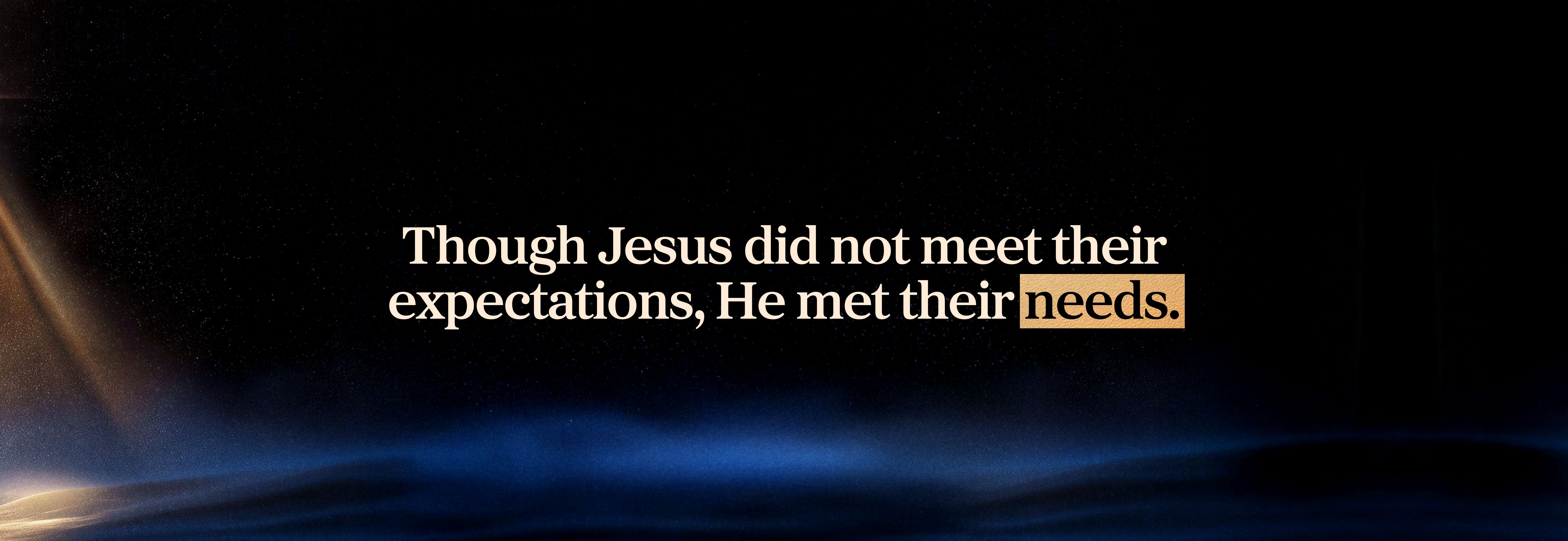


MERRY
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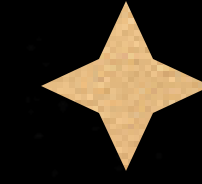
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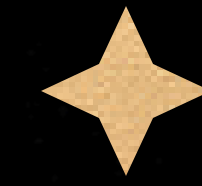
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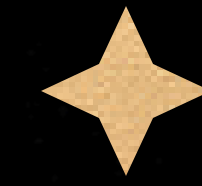


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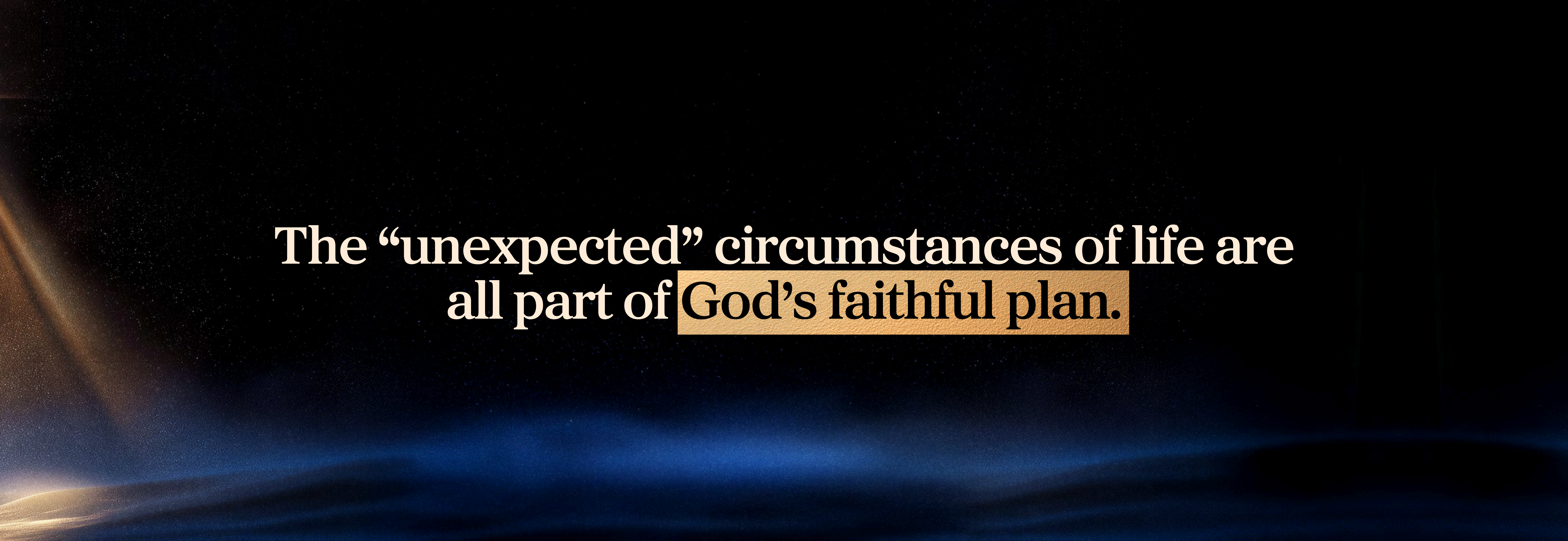
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Micah 5:2 *niv*

“But you, **Bethlehem** Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”

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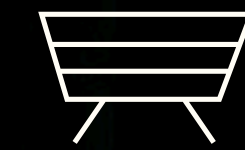
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LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23 ESV

1ST ADVENT
JESUS' BIRTH



2ND ADVENT
JESUS' RETURN



How have you experienced
unexpected things this last year?



Where have you seen
God's faithfulness throughout them?