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## Wonder of Christmas Series

### Episode II - Marvel

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2. In Christ we can move from ‘great \_\_\_\_\_’ to ‘great \_\_\_\_\_.’

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3. In Christ we can move from ‘\_\_\_\_\_’ to ‘\_\_\_\_\_.’

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May our city **marvel** at the Wonder of His Name!

The real manger today is the human heart. That’s where the Christ of Christmas is known to be real and true.

When we surrender our lives in faith to the wonder of the One in whom the Shepherds \_\_\_\_\_, we too can experience Good News of Great Joy.

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#### 2. In Christ we can move from ‘great fear’ to ‘great joy.’

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