

A Story of Joy

It's a Wonderful Life – Part 2

*“I am bringing you good news that will be a great joy to all the people. Today your Savior was born...”
Luke 2:10-11 (NIV)*

“Be full of joy in the Lord ALWAYS. I will say again, be full of joy.” Philippians 4:4 (NCV)

How to Choose Joy This Christmas

1) Choose trust over fear

“But Mary was very startled ...The angel said to her, ‘Don’t be afraid...’” Luke 1:29-30 (NCV)

“Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife...” Matthew 1:20 (NIV)

“King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this...” Matthew 2:3 (NLT)

2) Choose obedience over convenience

“Mary said, ‘I am the servant of the Lord. Let this happen to me as you say!’” Luke 1:38 (NCV)

“When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife.” Matthew 1:24 (NLT)

“So the shepherds went quickly and found Mary and Joseph and the baby...” Luke 2:16 (NCV)

“The commandments of the lord are right, bringing joy to the heart. The commands of the lord are clear, giving insight for living.” Psalm 19:8 (NLT)

3) Choose to share your joy with others.

“After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child.” Luke 2:17 (NLT)

*“Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy.”
Psalm 126:5 (NIV)*