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Christmas Triumph #3

## Know JOY Worth Sharing!

Christmas helps us **know joy** that overflows beyond any disruption...

**"Do not be afraid** Zechariah... **Do not be afraid** Mary... **Do not be afraid** Joseph, Son of David...

<sup>1</sup> **Caesar Augustus** issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. <sup>2</sup> (This was the first census while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) <sup>3</sup> And everyone went to their own town to register.

<sup>4</sup> So **Joseph** also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David... <sup>5</sup> He went to register **with Mary**, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup> While there, the time came... <sup>7</sup> and **she gave birth to her firstborn, a son**. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

Luke 2:1-7

Rejoice... **God provides** in disruption & difficulty **!**

<sup>8</sup> And there were **shepherds** living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup> An **angel of the Lord** appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

<sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, "**Do not be afraid**. I bring you **good news of great joy** that will be **for all the people**. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David, a **Savior** has been born to you; he is **Christ the Lord**. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth, lying in a manger."

<sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, **praising God** and saying, <sup>14</sup> "**Glory to God** in the highest, and on earth **peace to those** on whom his favor rests."

Luke 2:8-14

Rejoice... **Jesus proves** you & others matter to God **!**

<sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the **shepherds** said to one another, "**Let's go** to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." <sup>16</sup> So they **hurried off and found** Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

<sup>17</sup> When the shepherds had **seen him**, they **spread the word** concerning what they had been told about this child, <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the **shepherds said to them**...

<sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had **heard and seen**, which were just as they had been told.

Luke 2:15-20

Rejoice... **Jesus invites** you to know & share his joy **!**

Jesus said, "...I have told you these things so that **you will be filled with my joy**.  
Yes, **your joy will overflow!**  
John 15:11

## Crossroads Church

*Discovering Life Connected with God!*

### Our Vision

To be a dynamic and diverse family of believers in Jesus Christ connected in transforming relationships with God, each other, and our world!

### Our Purpose and Mission

To connect people with God, God's family, and God's mission through a transforming relationship with Jesus Christ!

### Our Strategy

To fulfill God's purpose in our lives through a balanced commitment to love God with our entire being and to love our neighbor as ourselves, according to God's Great Commandment and Great Commission in the Bible.

### Our Commitment

#### **Growth**

To speak and act more like Jesus Christ each day of our lives.  
To reach people disconnected from God with the love of Jesus.

#### **Relationships**

To develop depth, consistency, and closeness in our walk with Jesus.  
To share life and spiritual journey together with each other.

#### **Relevance**

To apply God's truths and principles to life in practical ways.  
To engage and meaningfully share Jesus with people.

#### **Involvement**

To participate in church family relationships and responsibilities.  
To discover and contribute our dynamic and diverse abilities.

#### **Truth**

To value Jesus Christ and the Bible as God's eternal revelation to us.  
To believe and center on Jesus Christ as forgiver and life leader.

## Let's Catch the Vision and Share the Mission Together!

"We are an autonomous, biblically-based church family that actively partners locally and internationally to fulfill our mission to connect people in transforming relationship with Jesus Christ!"