



JOY CAME DOWN

Luke 1-2

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BIG IDEA: Joy comes when we live out the priority of **J**esus, then **O**thers, and then **Y**ourself.

The Shepherds: Joy Triumphs over Fear

Luke 2:8-14

Mary: Joy Triumphs over Uncertainty

Luke 1:39-47

Simeon: Joy Triumphs over Delay

Luke 2:25-32

1 Peter 1:8-9 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord, always, again I say, "Rejoice."

Joy is a command. Joy is a continual attitude. Joy is a choice.

"Joy is the surest sign of the presence of God." It is a fruit that the Holy Spirit gives to every believer.

Westminster Confession of Faith: "The chief duty of man is to glorify God and enjoy him forever."

Next Steps:

- Evaluate your normal attitude: Do you emit joy or negativity?
- Practice being joyful to others this week. See how they respond.

HEAVEN CAME DOWN

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THE SHEPHERDS:

Joy Triumphs over Fear



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

Luke 2:8-9

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. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:10-11

This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

Luke 2:12-13

“Glory to God in the highest, and on
earth peace to men on whom his
favor rests.”

Luke 2:14



MARY:

Joy Triumphs over Uncertainty



At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth.

Luke 1:39-40

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting,
the baby leaped in her womb, and
Elizabeth was filled with the Holy
Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed:
“Blessed are you among women, and
blessed is the child you will bear!

Luke 1:41-42

“But why am I so favored, that the mother
of my Lord should come to me? As soon
as the sound of your greeting reached my
ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.

Luke 1:43-44

“Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!” And Mary said: “My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior...”

Luke 1:45-47



SIMEON:

Joy Triumphs over Delay



Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

Luke 2:25

It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

Luke 2:26

Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

Luke 2:27-28

“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you now dismiss your servant in peace.
For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the sight of
all people,

Luke 2:29-31

“a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.”

Luke 2:32



Don't give up on God.

**Remember that the answer to your
prayers might be just one prayer
or one step of obedience away.**

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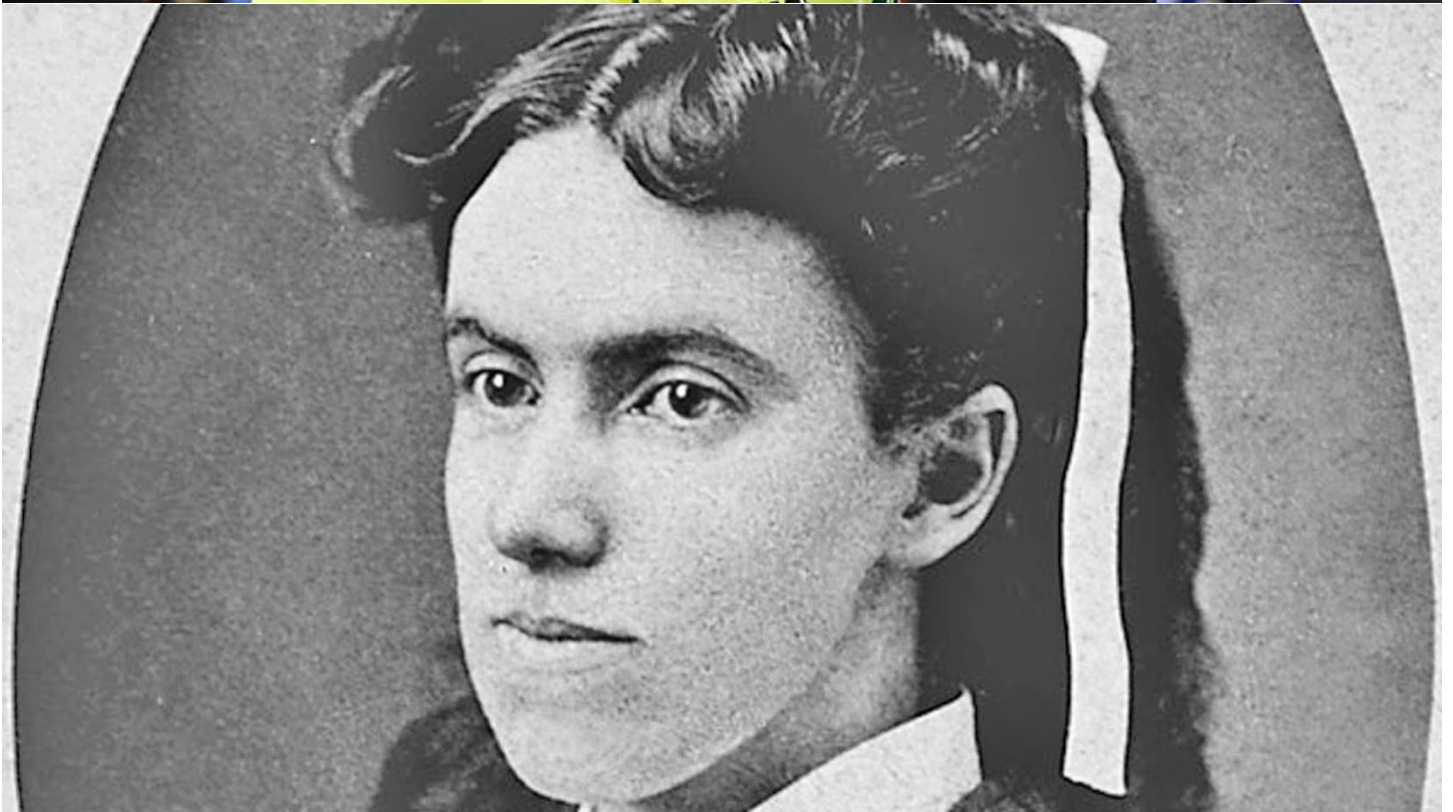
Rejoice in the Lord, always, again I say, “Rejoice.” Joy is a command, a continual attitude, and a choice.

Philippians 4:4

"We may not win another game this year,
and I may be a horrible coach,

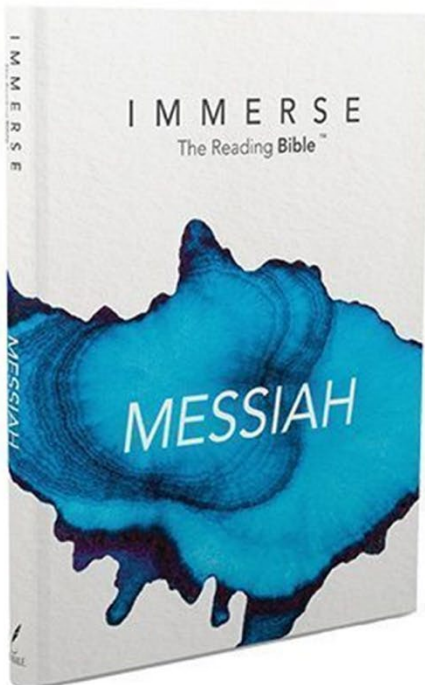
but if any of these guys leave without
KNOWING CHRIST,
that will be the **REAL** loss."

-Scott Drew
Baylor Head Coach



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