

# SERMON NOTES

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## MESSAGE: CHRISTMAS AND THE CALL TO “FEAR NOT”

**Key Scripture:** Genesis 3:10 — The entrance of fear

(“Fear not” appears 365 times in Scripture — God’s daily reminder to trust Him)

### **Biblical Examples of “Fear Not” at Christmas**

#### **1. Zechariah — Fear in Unbelief**

- Luke 1:13, 20
- God assures Zechariah despite doubt and delay.

#### **2. Mary — Fear Replaced by Faith**

- Luke 1:30 – *“Do not be afraid”*
- Luke 1:38 – Mary’s surrender
- Luke 1:50 – God’s mercy
- Matthew 1:21 – The Savior’s purpose

#### **3. Joseph — Fear in Obedience**

- Matthew 1:20, 24
- God speaks to Joseph in his confusion and calls him to obedience.

#### **4. The Shepherds — Fear Turned to Joy**

- Luke 2:10, 16
- *“Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy.”*

### **God’s Promises for Overcoming Fear**

- Psalm 23:4 — God is with us
- Psalm 27:1 — The Lord is our light and salvation
- Psalm 46:1–3 — God is our refuge and strength
- Psalm 56:3–4 — Trust replaces fear
- Psalm 118:6 — The Lord is on our side
- Isaiah 41:10, 13 — God upholds us
- Hebrews 13:6 — We can live boldly
- Matthew 10:31; Luke 12:7, 32 — We are deeply valued
- Mark 5:36; Luke 8:50 — *“Do not fear, only believe”*
- John 14:27 / 6:20 — Christ gives peace