

# ReDiscovering Christmas: Finding Joy in the Midst of My Discouragement

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Luke 2:8-20

## Series Summary

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This Christmas season, no matter how heavy your heart is with the weight of the world there is “Good News of Great Joy” to be found in these troubling times. Jesus Christ has come into the world that you might find freedom and salvation through Him alone. It has been a difficult year but in the midst of the chaos and confusion that has bombarded your life there is a light that shines through the darkness bringing hope and joy forever! Join us as Rediscover Christmas and Remember the Good News of all Time!

## Main Passage

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**Luke 2:8-16,20** (ESV) – <sup>8</sup> And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. <sup>10</sup> And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

<sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

<sup>15</sup> When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” <sup>16</sup> And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger... <sup>20</sup> And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

**Big Idea – Rejoice Daily and Praise the Lord for His Power and Presence**

## Three Elements of Joy that Endures

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**Element #1 – The Joy of the Message: The Good News of Great Joy Replaces Your Fear With Clarifying Courage**

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**Element #2 – The Joy of the Invitation: God Chose You to Share His Joy...Go and Give Him Glory**

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**Element #3 – The Joy of Anticipation: God is at Work in Your Life...Trust Him, Turn to Him, and Praise Him**

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**Memory Verse**

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