

WEARY OF MONOTONY

Luke 2:9 (NIV) *An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.*

Luke 2:10 (NIV) *But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."*

3 Phases of pulling people out of monotony.

Phase #1: Relationship

John 1:43 (NIV) *The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴ Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."*

1). God uses relationships to bring us to Jesus.

⁴⁶ *"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip.*

2). God uses relationships to do ministry.

Phase #2: Realization

⁴⁷ *When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit."*

⁴⁸ *"How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹ Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel."*

Phase #3: Revelation

⁵⁰ *Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that."*

⁵¹ *He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on' the Son of Man."*