

JOY TO THE WORLD

The Christmas story is for you if you are...

Weary of GRIEF (Zechariah/Elizabeth)

Luke 1:7 (NIV) *But they were childless because Elizabeth was not able to conceive, and they were both very old.*

Luke 1:68 (NIV) *Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them.*

Weary of the UNKNOWN (Mary)

Luke 1:38 (NIV) *"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.*

Weary of HURT (Joseph)

Matthew 1:19 (NLT) *Joseph, to whom she was engaged, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly.*

Weary of DANGER (Magi)

Matthew 2:2 (NLT) *"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him."*

Weary of feeling EMPTY (Shepherds)

Luke 2:10 (NLT) *but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people.¹¹ The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!*

Weary of WAITING (Simeon)

Luke 2:25 (NLT) *At that time there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel. The Holy Spirit was upon him²⁶ and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Messiah.*

Luke 2:28 (NLT) *Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying,*
²⁹ *“Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised. ³⁰ I have seen your salvation*

How do you find joy in your weariness today?

We take our eyes off of ourselves/circumstances and place them on Jesus.

Matthew 1:21 (NIV) *She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus because he will save his people from their sins.*