

(Angel) "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 2:10b,11 NIV**

When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child.

**Luke 2:17 NIV**

Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NLT**

## To Live A Joy-Filled Life...

### 1. Focus on Giving rather than Receiving.

There is more happiness in giving than in receiving.

**Acts 20:35b GNT**

Learn to put aside your own desires so that you will become patient and godly ... This will make possible the next step, which is for you to enjoy other people and to like them, and finally you will grow to love them deeply.

**2 Peter 1:6b-7 TLB**

### 2. Focus on Healing rather than Hurting.

We can be full of joy here and now even in our trials and troubles.

**Romans 5:3b PNT**

Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy.

**Psalms 126:5 NIV**

Weeping may endure for a night, But joy comes in the morning.

**Psalms 30:5b NKJV**

### 3. Focus on God rather than My Problem.

Trust in (God) at all times. Pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

**Psalms 62:8b NLT**

I will go...to God—the Source of all my joy.

**Psalms 43:4 NLT**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Romans 15:13 NIV**

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#### Weekend Music:

O Come All Ye Faithful (Public Domain) • This Is Amazing Grace (Phil Wickham)  
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