



## Rejoice! - A Light has Dawned

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**Luke 1:76-79** (NIV) **76** And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, **77** to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, **78** because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven **79** to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, **to guide our feet into the path of peace.**”

Sentence Prayer: “Holy Spirit of God, guide my life”

### I. Discern God’s way for your life

 PEACE or PAUSE?

**John 14:27** Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

 Fear freezes your future


**Matthew 8:26** (NIV) But Jesus reprimanded them. “Why are you gripped with fear? Where is your faith?” Then he stood and rebuked the storm, saying, “Be still!” And instantly it became perfectly calm.

### II. Mary and Joseph sought the Lord as a family

**Micah 5:2, 4-5** (NIV) **2** “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”

**4** He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. **5** And he will be our peace when the Assyrians invade our land.

 PRESENT - They were in this together!

 PURPOSE - Lean into the light with the right response

**Isaiah 9:2** (NKJV) The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined.

 PLAN - they received a plan from the Lord

**Matthew 1:22-23** (NIV) **22** All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: **23**“The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel!” (which means “God with us”).

Sentence Prayer: “Jesus, be with me today”

**Isaiah 9:6** For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

 Joseph trusted Mary and God

### III. Cradle to the cross

**John 19:25-27** (NIV) **25** Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. **26** When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, “Woman, here is your son,” **27** and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

 Finish Well

Sentence Prayer: “ Jesus, meet me in my suffering”

 A close knit family is possible

PRAYER : Dear God, I humbly bow my head before you, my holy God. Help me to be like Mary and listen for your directions. I choose to say Yes to you and No to fear and anxiety. Don’t let me wast my life. Give me peace as the details of your plans for me unfold. I am willing to step out in faith to follow you; I’m available for any assignment. Speak Lord, my ears and heart are open now. I want to fulfill all of the plans and purposes you have for my life. Amen.

This Week’s Bible Readings (Use the TCND App if you want to listen):

- Sat 2Chr. 31-32  Sun 2Chr. 33-34  Mon 2Chron. 35-36; 1 Tim. 1
- Tue Psalm 134-137; 1 Tim. 2  Wed Malachi 1-2; 1 Tim. 3
- Thur Malachi 3-4; 1 Tim. 4  Fri Psalm 138-141; 1 Tim. 5  Sat Ezra 1-3