

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

Overcoming the Fear of Rejection

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Fear is a very real issue for all of us and it comes in all shapes and sizes.

Luke 2:8-11 That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. ⁹ Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, ¹⁰ 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 Saviour—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!

The shepherds felt distant from God & feared being rejected by God:

- The shepherds felt shame.
- The shepherds felt inadequate.
- The shepherds felt unloved.

Luke 2:10-14 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 Saviour—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! ¹² And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger."¹³ Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying,¹⁴ "Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased."

Romans 3:20-22 For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are. ²¹ But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. ²² We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.

- We cannot be made right with God by following rules.
- The purpose of God's law is to show us our need for a Saviour.

Big Idea: Place your trust in Jesus Christ to be made right with God.

The Good News for us at Christmastime:

- In Christ we are forgiven and our shame is gone.
- In Christ we are more than enough.
- In Christ we are loved and accepted.

How will you respond to Jesus Christ this Christmas?

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*The Translation of the Bible Scriptures used in today's 10:10 service
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