

Luke 1:46-48

And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant."

"And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city. Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem,

because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. So it was that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Glory in the Highest. Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold,

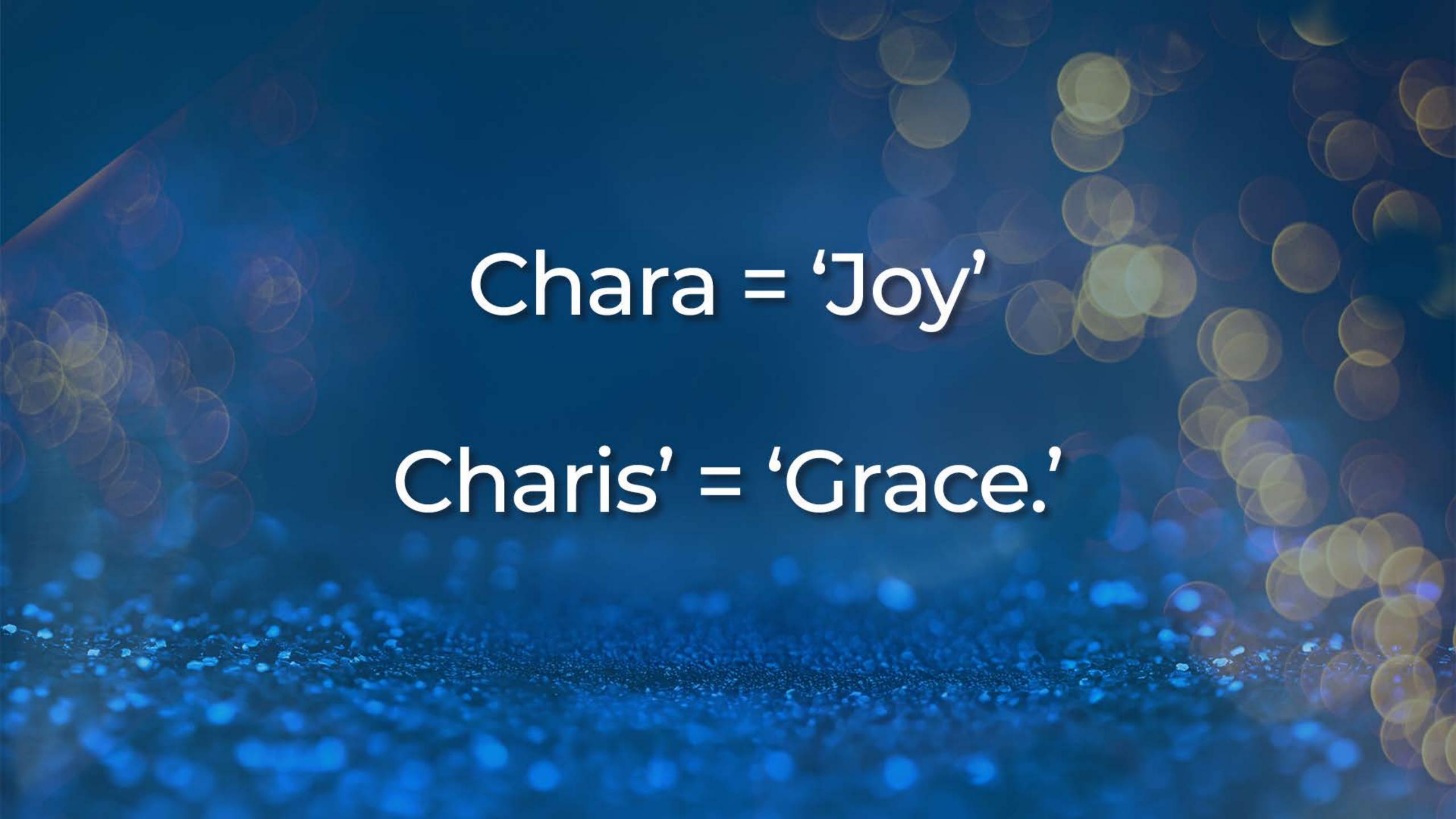
I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

"Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them."





Philippians 4:4 "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again, I say, Rejoice."

John 15:11

"These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full."

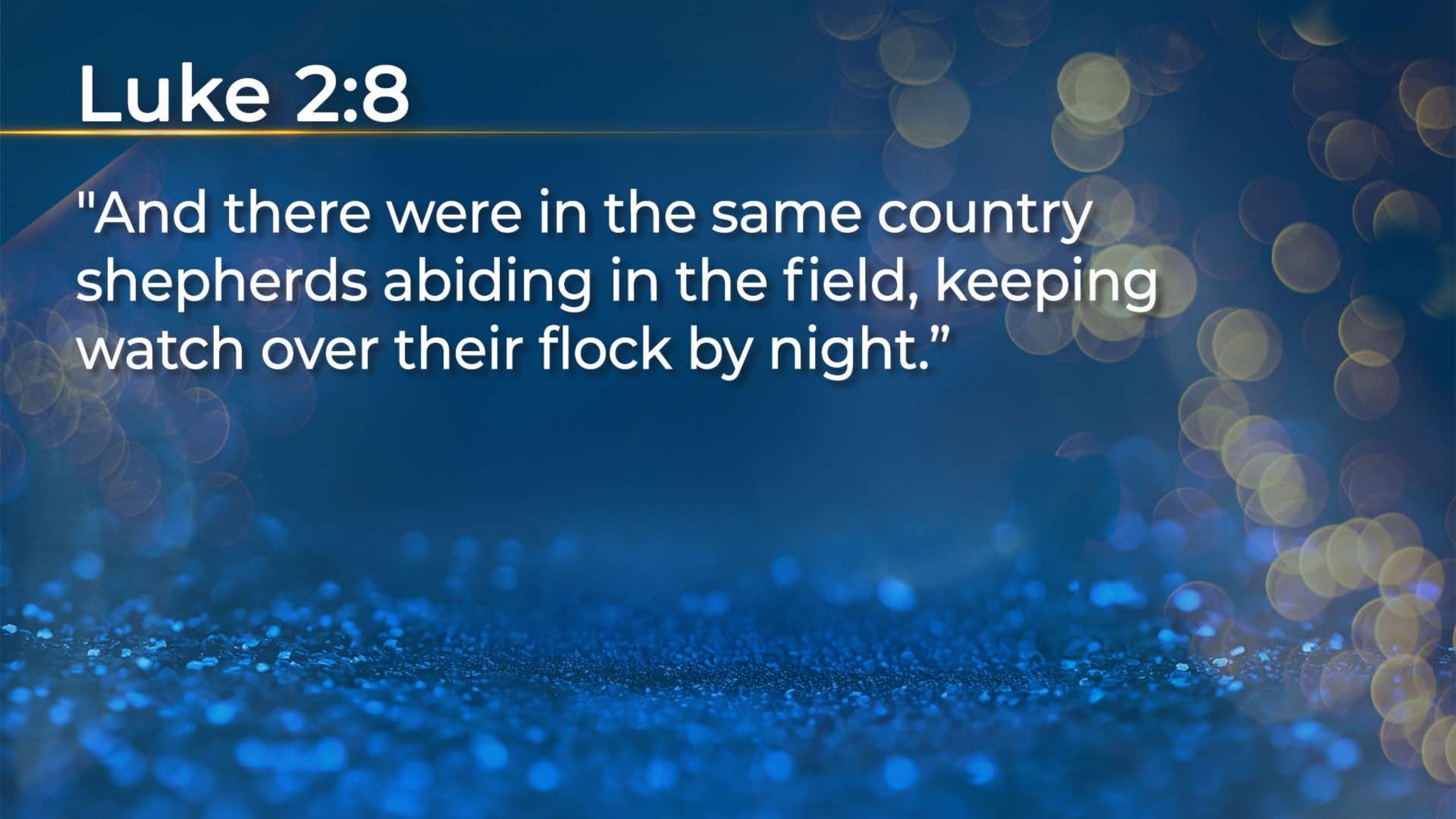
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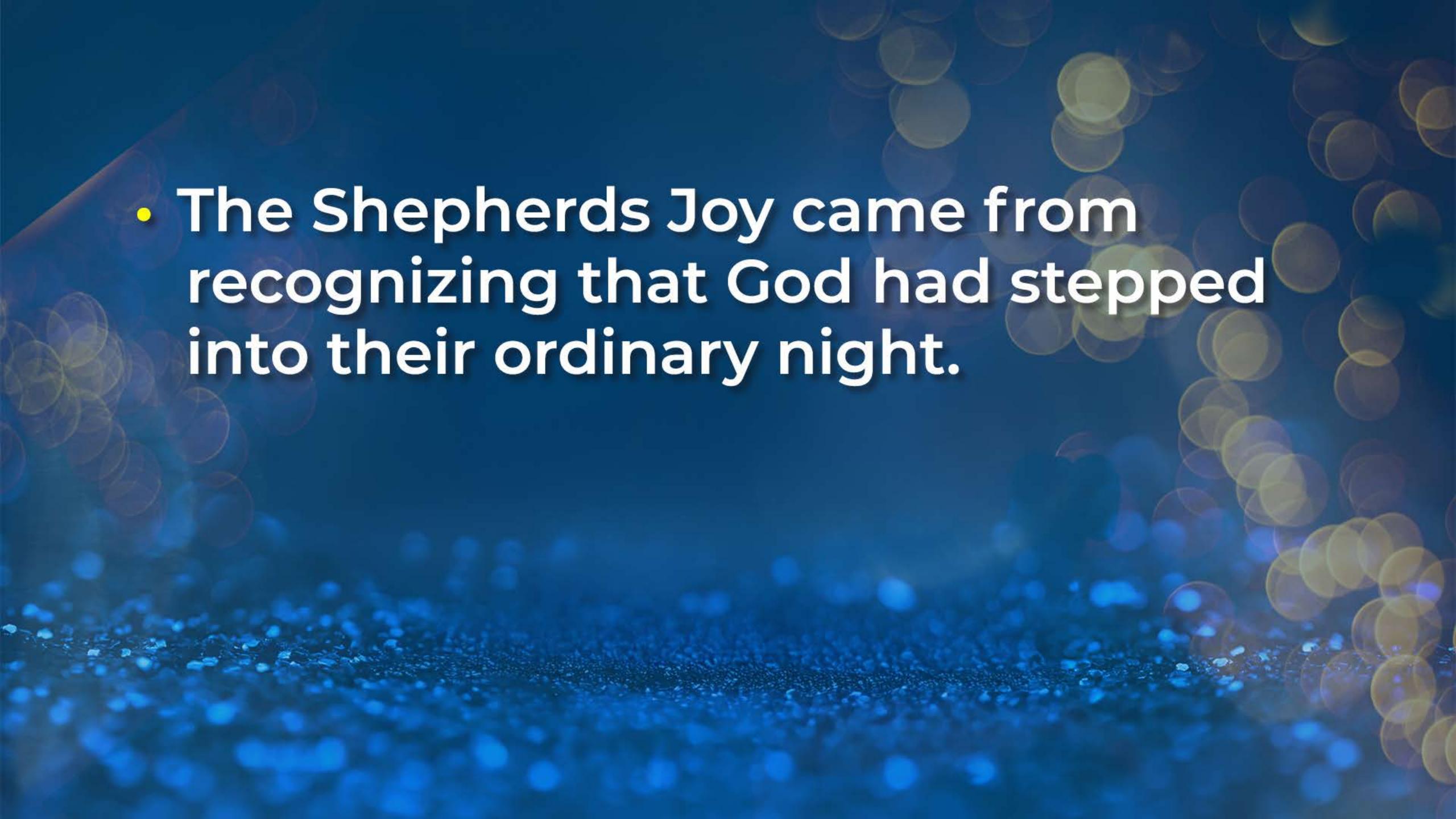
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 Joy is not rooted in Events but in a Person - Jesus.

Three Pillars of Joy: What to Remember and How to Practice It!

Pillar#1 JOY Is Found In Small Recognitions of God's Presence

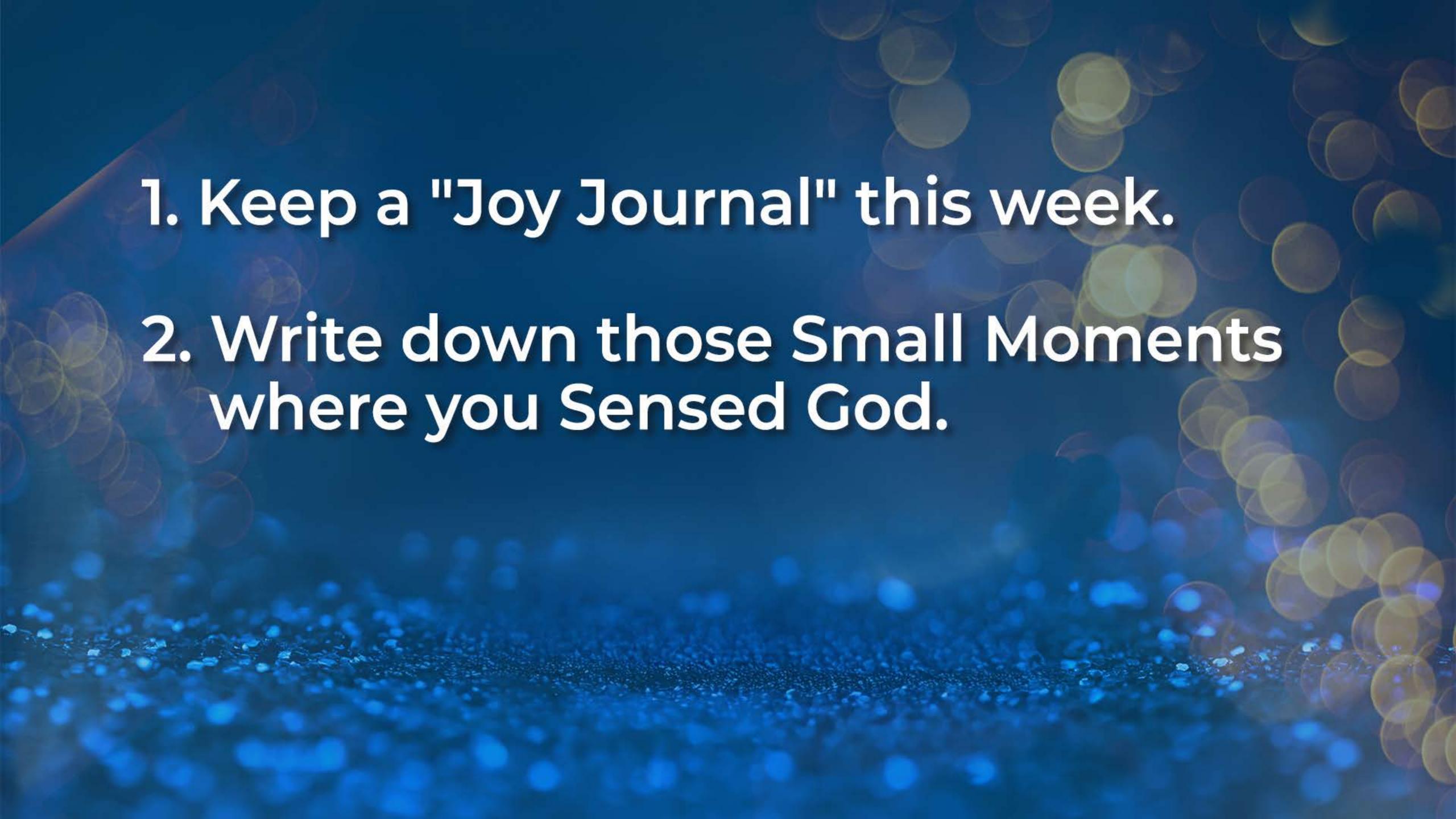




 The Shepherds Joy came from recognizing that God had stepped into their ordinary night.

 Train your Eyes to notice God's Presence in ordinary moments.





1. Keep a "Joy Journal" this week.

2. Write down those Small Moments where you Sensed God.

3. Acknowledge His Presence.

Pillar 2 JOY Is Magnified When We Declare It.

Luke 1:46-47 kJV

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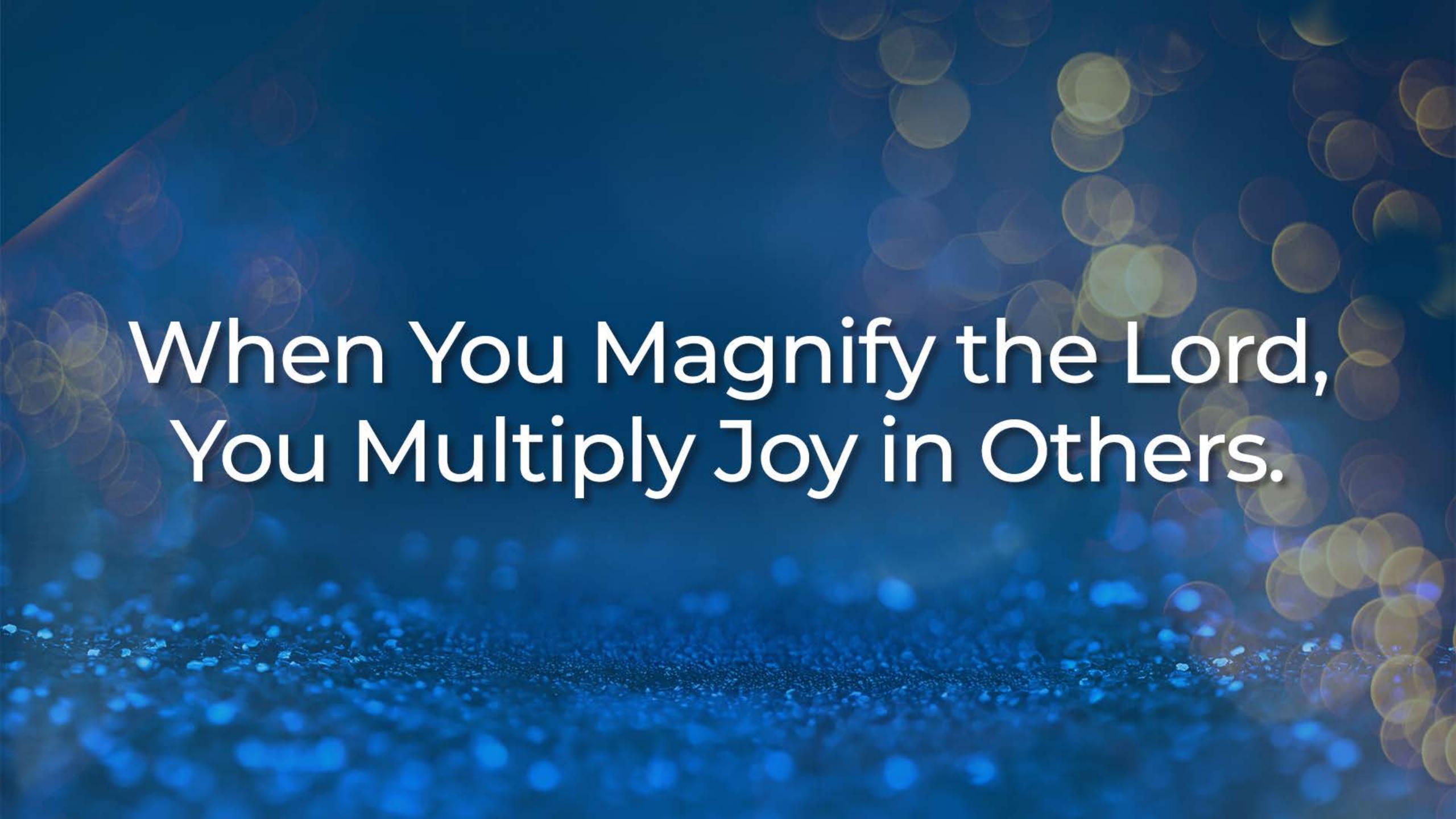
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- 3. Mary Helped Others See the Greatness of what God had done in her Small, Hidden Moment.







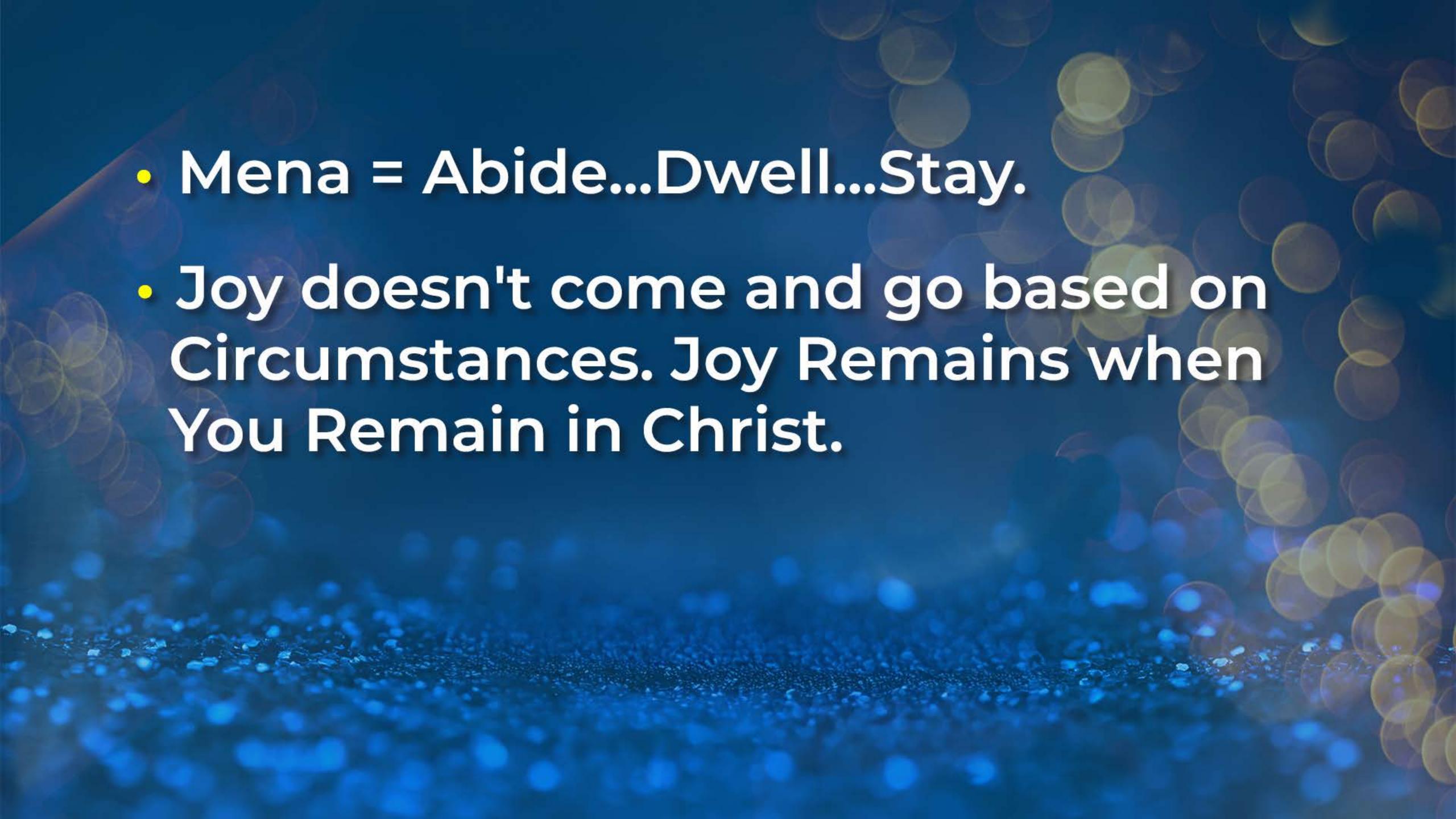


Pillar 3 JOY Is Sustained By Staying Close To Jesus.

John 15:11

"These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that Your Joy might be full."





- Mena = Abide...Dwell...Stay.
- Joy doesn't come and go based on Circumstances. Joy Remains when You Remain in Christ.
- Make time with Jesus a Non-Negotiable this Christmas.







1. Read the Word Daily. 2. Pray in the Spirit 3. Resist the Drift... 4. Run To Him, Not From Him.

God wants to meet you in the Small... In The Ordinary Moments of Life.

Don't miss Him while You're Waiting for Something Bigger.