



Joy Against Grief

The amazing story of Christmas is that the God who knows billions of _____, took on _____.

Scripture: Luke 2:1-20

The prophets' message wasn't a _____, it was a _____.

The angel said, "Do not be _____. I bring you good news that will cause great _____ for all the people." (vs. 10)

Response:

What is God saying to me today?

How will I respond?

The human brain thrives on _____!

- It helps us _____ clearly.
- It increases the quality of our _____.
- It increases our physical and mental _____.
- It increases our _____.
- It helps us persevere through _____.

Pseudo-Joys

- _____
- Social _____
- _____
- _____ and _____
- _____

What they all have in common is they try to find joy outside of _____.

“Joy is that feeling we get when someone looks at us and they’re _____ to _____ us.”

Jim Wilder

Do you believe God is happy to see you?

A comfortable life isn't the sign of God's _____ and struggle isn't the sign of God's _____.

How we respond:

1. Don't feel _____ for joy.

2. Dive into joy-giving _____.

...with _____.

Cultivate _____.

...with _____ and _____.

3. Be a joy-_____.

