



Part 2: Regifting Joy

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Joy in the Strangest of Places

In the music of Christmas

On the streets of skid row in Los Angeles

Under a bridge in Bellingham

In the Christmas story

Joy in the Christmas Story

In an answered prayer

“Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth...” – Luke 1:13-14a

In a baby’s response

When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. – Luke 1:41

In a humble prayer

“My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior...”
– Luke 1:46-47

In community

Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they shared her joy. – Luke 1:58

In the hills around Bethlehem

But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” – Luke 2:10-12

In the darkness of a broken world

Distressed and hungry, they will roam through the land; when they are famished, they will become enraged and, looking upward, will curse their king and their God. Then they will look toward the earth and see only distress and darkness and fearful gloom, and they will be thrust into utter darkness. – Isaiah 8:21-27