

When Christ Is at the Center of Our Lives, Joy Is Central to Us - Jo 16:22

- "The fullness of joy is to behold God in everything" - Julian of Norwich, 14th C.

The Christmas Story Is a Reminder and a Challenge to Look for God in Everything

- Jer 29:11-13; Heb 11:6

- All our seeking and searching is responsive - Matt 7:7

"Where did you come from, Baby Dear? Out of the everywhere into the here."

- George MacDonald

LOOK FOR HIM IN THE UNLIKELY: Lk 2:8-20

- He is the God of Surprises - Lk 2:9

...the shepherds' seeking of Him opened them to experience all they were told - Lk 2:15-20

- When Life Surprises You, Go to Bethlehem

...Someone else is writing the script

- Worship Him in the Unexpected - Eph 5:20

...and recover your joy

LOOK FOR HIM IN THE ROUTINE: Matt 2:7-12

- He is the God of Simplicity - Matt 2:11

...we can get so busy, neglectful, so self-absorbed, we make no room for Him - Lk 2:7

- Worship Him in the Dailiness of Life - Ps 118:24

...and lay hold of His joy

LOOK FOR HIM IN THE TEMPLE - Lk 2:21-38

- He is God of the Sanctuary

...search for Him in the devotedness and disciplines of the faith

...receive the gift of the eternal perspective

- Worship Him in Spirit and in Truth - Jo 4:24

...and be immersed in the joy of "seeing through"

LOOK FOR HIM IN THE LIFE YOU ARE IN

...in all of its unlikely, routine, and holy moments...

...and you will find Him - Jer 29:13