

# Tidings Of Great Joy

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“But the angel said to them. ‘Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people’ ” ( Luke 2:10 )

As I reread the Christmas story in the Gospel of Luke, the verse comes alive for me. I think of the angels throughout my life who have come bringing tidings of great joy. They are friends, family members, and even strangers who have brought light to dark times in my life. These angles saw through my fears to the light in me and called me higher.

Charles Fillmore wrote in ‘The Revealing Word’ that an angel is, “ A messenger of God ... the word of Truth “helping us to overcome all limited beliefs and conditions. “

My angels are those who have called me out of my fears, whether a dark hole I dug for myself or a situation that made me feel less than whole. “ Fear not, they said, I’m here to remind you how much you're truly loved.

This Christmas, ask yourself: Who are the angels in my life bringing me tidings of great joy – who see the truth of my being and love me unconditionally? Where in my life is fear clouding my sight? What limiting thought or belief is keeping me from experiencing great joy?

In the hustle and bustle of the season it can be easy to listen to the subtle whispers of fear. Not enough, not loved, not enough, not loved . Listen instead to the angels in your life bringing tidings of great joy. They are here to remind you – you are enough, you are loved, you are light.

I’m here to remind you of your magnificence,  
To help you wake to all the wonder that you are.

I long to show you all the joy you're worthy of  
I'm here to remind you how much you're truly loved  
( Lyrics by David Ault )

And who will you be an angel for this Christmas? Who will you remind saying ,  
“ Fear not, I bring you tidings of great joy “?

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard  
and seen ..”

Luke 2:20