

LOOK UP

Fresh Eyes—Part 2

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Text: Luke 2:8-14 (NIV) pg. 716

“And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause a 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.’ And suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, ‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests.’”

Bottom Line:

How we view life drives how we do life. Look Up. God is with you.

The shepherds can teach us to shift our focus from Looking At to Looking Up.

When we Look Up we learn that:

1. God meets us where we're at.

“The eyes of the LORD search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him.”
2 Chronicles 16:9 (NLT) pg. 308

2. Opportunities can be terrifying.

“For I hold you by your right hand—I, the LORD your God. And I say to you, ‘Don’t be afraid. I am here to help you.’”
Isaiah 41:13 (NLT) pg. 501

3. God provides direction.

“The LORD says, ‘I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.’”
Psalm 32:8 (NLT) pg. 386

“Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take.”

Proverbs 3:6 (NLT) pg. 439

Surrender your concerns to God.

Believe that nothing is impossible with God.