

OVERCOMING FEAR WITH JESUS' JOY

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Luke 2:10

But the angel said to them [shepherds], "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."

Luke 1:13

But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard."

Luke 1:30

But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God."

Matthew 1:20

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit."

Courage isn't the absence of fear, it's the strength to do the right thing at the right moment, no matter the consequence—often right in the face of fear.