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**1. God's People were Family(!)
That First Christmas - and Were
Never Alone; When People Attack
'Organized Religion' They're
Really Attacking Family They
Desperately Need (*Luke 2:13-18*)**



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**Luke 2:13 And suddenly
there was with the
angel a multitude of the
heavenly host praising
God and saying,**



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**14 “Glory to God in the
highest, and on earth
peace among those with
whom he is pleased!”**



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15 When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."



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16 And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.



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**17 And when they saw it,
they made known the
saying that had been
told them concerning
this child.**



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**1⁸ And all who heard it
wondered at what the
shepherds told them.**



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**2. Think Deeply Concerning
What God is Doing Now (Commit
to Memory) and What He Longs
to do in the Future; Commit to
Growing Deeper in Christ and
His Word (*Luke 2:19, 25-33*)**



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Luke 2:19 But Mary

**treasured up all these
things, pondering
them in her heart.**



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²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.



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²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.



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²⁷ And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law,



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²⁸ he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹ “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation

³¹ that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”



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**33 And his father and
his mother marveled
at what was said about
him.**



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**3. Determine to Be Faithful
to God Through the Decades
(Through His Strength &
Help, You Must Do This,
Christian!)**

(Luke 2:39-42; Acts 1:8-14)



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Luke 2:39 And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.



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**40 And the child grew
and became strong,
filled with wisdom. And
the favor of God was
upon him.**



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**41 Now his parents
went to Jerusalem
every year at the Feast
of the Passover.**



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**42 And when he was
twelve years old, they
went up according to
custom.**



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Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”



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⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.



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**¹⁰ And while they were
gazing into heaven as he
went, behold, two men
stood by them in white
robes,**



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11 and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”



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¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.



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¹³ And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James.



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¹⁴ All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.



