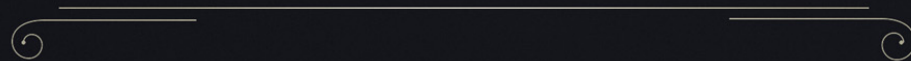*The Proclamation of Christmas*

1.   Freedom from INADEQUACY

- Luke 1:12-14

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12 And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him.

*13 But the angel said to him, **"Do not be afraid**, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John.*

14 He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth

2. Freedom from INTIMIDATION

- Luke 1:28-32

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28 And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" 29 But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be.

30 And the angel said to her, "**Do not be afraid**, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

31 Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.

32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.

3. Freedom from INSIGNIFICANCE

- Luke 2:9-10

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*9 And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. 10 And the angel said to them, "**Fear not**, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.*

4. Freedom from INDECISIVENESS

- Matthew 1:20,21

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*20 But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, **do not fear** to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.*

21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

1. Freedom from INADEQUACY - Zacharias
2. Freedom from INTIMIDATION - Mary
3. Freedom from INSIGNIFICANCE - Shepherds
4. Freedom from INDECISIVENESS - Joseph