

## **Christmas: Finding Joy**

Psalm 40:1-8 and Psalm 34:8-15

*8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."*

*13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,*

*14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." Luke 2:8-14*

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*I waited patiently for the LORD;  
he turned to me and heard my cry.*

*He lifted me out of the slimy pit,  
out of the mud and mire;  
he set my feet on a rock  
and gave me a firm place to stand.*

*He put a new song in my mouth,  
a hymn of praise to our God.*

*Many will see and fear the LORD  
and put their trust in him.  
Blessed is the one  
who trusts in the LORD, Psalm 40:1-5*

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### **David's 6 Part Pattern**

1. Trouble  
(lions, giants, kings, husbands, family, friends, women)

*Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14*

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**2. Ask for help**  
(I give up and I look up)

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**3. Wait patiently**  
(humility and hope)

*5 “See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. 6 He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction.” Malachi 4:5-6*

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Introduce Prayer

Music

Sermon Part 2

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**4. God answers**  
(his rock)

*25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. 27 Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, 28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:*

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**5. Thanksgiving**  
(not someone else songs and not old songs)

*...29 “Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,  
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.*

30 For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
31 which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:  
32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
**and the glory of your people Israel.”**

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**6. It's not about me**  
(Joy to the world)  
— What is the problem?  
— What can I do?

10 But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. **I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.** 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. Luke 2:10-11