



## I. INTRO

### A. Crazy with a Christmas twist

**Romans 15:13 (NLT)** I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

- God wants to FILL you — COMPLETELY — with joy and peace
- Peace isn't something that we produce but something that we receive

### B. Crazy peace

**John 14:27 (NLT)** "I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid.

- The world says, "You'll have peace when everything is under control."
- Jesus says, "You'll have peace because I'm in control."

### C. The promise of the Prince of Peace

**Isaiah 9:6-7 (NKJV)** For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of *His* government and peace *There will be* no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

- What God says and what I hear can be two different things

## II. THE REALITY OF THE PROMISE

### A. The real first Christmas was not peaceful

- **Mary:** 14–15 A teenage girl with a divine assignment no one would believe
- **Joseph:** 18-20 years old and knows his fiancée is pregnant and that the child isn't his

### B. The journey

**Luke 2:1 (NKJV)** And it came to pass in those days *that* a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.

**Luke 2:4-5 (NKJV)** Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child.

- Nazareth to Bethlehem – 90 miles likely taking **10–14 days**



**Luke 2:6-7 (NKJV) So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.**

- It wasn't peaceful, calm or pretty, yet, that is the way that the Prince of Peace chose to enter the world

### **III. CRAZY PEACE**

#### **A. Crazy peace is a Person**

##### **Isaiah 9:6 ... The Prince of Peace**

- Biblical peace is not calm circumstances or perfect conditions
- Biblical peace is a person - Jesus

#### **B. Crazy peace is Personal**

- This is about proximity and connection to the source of peace

##### **Colossians 3:15a (NLT) And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts.**

- Biblical peace is not the absence of problems, but the presence of Jesus in us.

##### **Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT) "But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace..."**

- Peace is not performance but fruit that the Holy Spirit produces in us as we stay connected to Jesus

#### **C. Crazy peace requires surrender**

**Luke 1:38 (NKJV) Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word" And the angel departed from her.**

- Mary's peace didn't come from understanding every detail, but from trusting God's word
- Joseph chose obedience over understanding. That's faith, and peace by choice

#### **D. Trust is the foundation of Crazy peace**

- Mary's peace didn't come from clarity, it came from surrender
- Our peace doesn't come from certainty, it comes from trust

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