

PEACE IN DISAPPOINTMENT | PRINCE OF PEACE WAVE CHURCH SD | DECEMBER 19, 2021

DISAPPOINTMENT | A sadness or displeasure by the non-fulfillment of one's hopes and expectations.

Luke 2:1-7 (ESV) *In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.*

Luke 2:8-11 (ESV) *⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*

"Christmas, therefore, is the most unsentimental, realistic way of looking at life. It does not say, "Cheer up! If we all pull together we can make the world a better place."

– Timothy J. Keller, *Hidden Christmas*

DISAPPOINTMENT IS THE FRUIT OF MISPLACED HOPE

"The main emotion of the adult American who has had all the advantages of wealth, education, and culture is disappointment." – John Cheever

Luke 2:12-14 (ESV) *¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"*

"There has never been a gift offered that makes you swallow your pride to the depths that the gift of Jesus Christ requires us to do. Christmas means that we are so lost, so unable to save ourselves, that nothing less than the death of the Son of God himself could save us. That means you are not somebody who can pull yourself together and live a moral and good life."

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Luke 2:15-20 (ESV) *¹⁵When 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." ¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.*

YOU DON'T HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THE PLAN

TO TRUST THAT GOD HAS A PURPOSE

Proverbs 19:21 (ESV) *Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand.*

Matthew 1:19-21 (ESV) *¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But 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. ²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."*

YOUR DISAPPOINTMENT IS A DIVINE

INVITATION TO TRUST GOD

John 19:25-27 (ESV) *²⁵but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.*

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COOKIE EXCHANGE | Dec. 19th

After church today, we will be having a cookie exchange! If you would like to participate, please bring a dozen (or more!) cookies, and you will receive a tin to load up with a collection of all the cookies! A merry (and yummy) time for the whole family.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE | Dec. 24th at 5 p.m.

We can't wait to celebrate Jesus' birth with you at our Christmas Eve service! Our family service will start at 5 p.m. Come enjoy Christmas carols, candlelight, and a Christmas message with your church family!

SERVE

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Service teams are a great way for you to connect at Wave, serve our amazing God, and our church community. If you are interested in helping or finding out how you can serve, please contact info@wavechurchsd.com.

UPCOMING

NO CHURCH DEC. 26th and Jan. 2nd

Whether you are in town or out-of-town over the Christmas break, we hope you have a safe and restorative holiday. We will be taking two Sundays off and will be back together again on January 9, 2022.

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