




JOY

The Serious Business
Of Heaven.



2021:
**The Year of Beholding the
Beauty of Jesus**

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New Testament passages that speak of JOY:

Luke 10:21, 15:5 (John 10), 24:52

John 15:11, 16:20-22, 33, 17:13

Acts 13:52, 16:34

Romans 12:12, 14:17, 15:13

Galatians 5:22-23

1 Thessalonians 1:6

Hebrews 1:9

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Luke 2:1-20

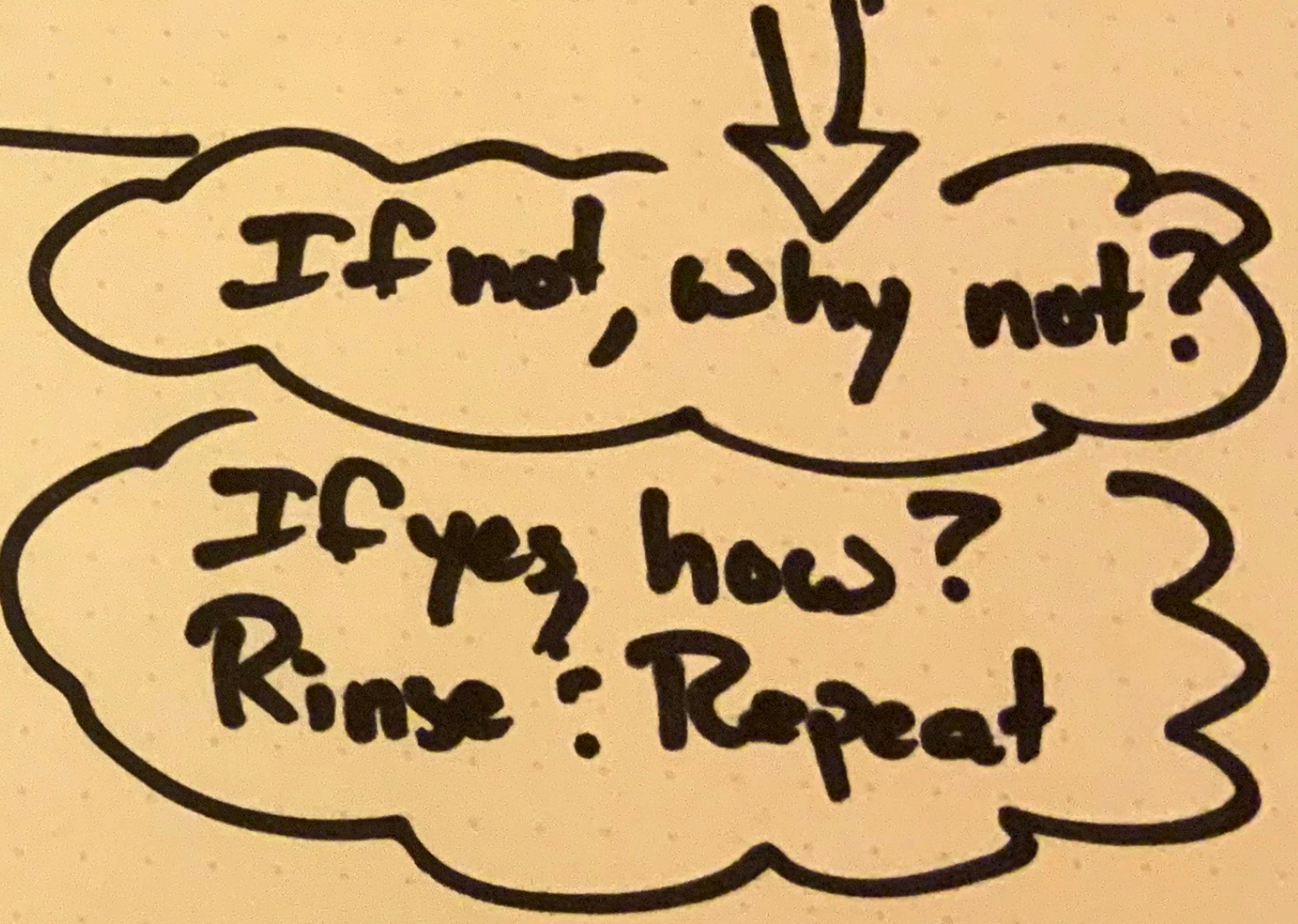
Angels
Mary's Birth

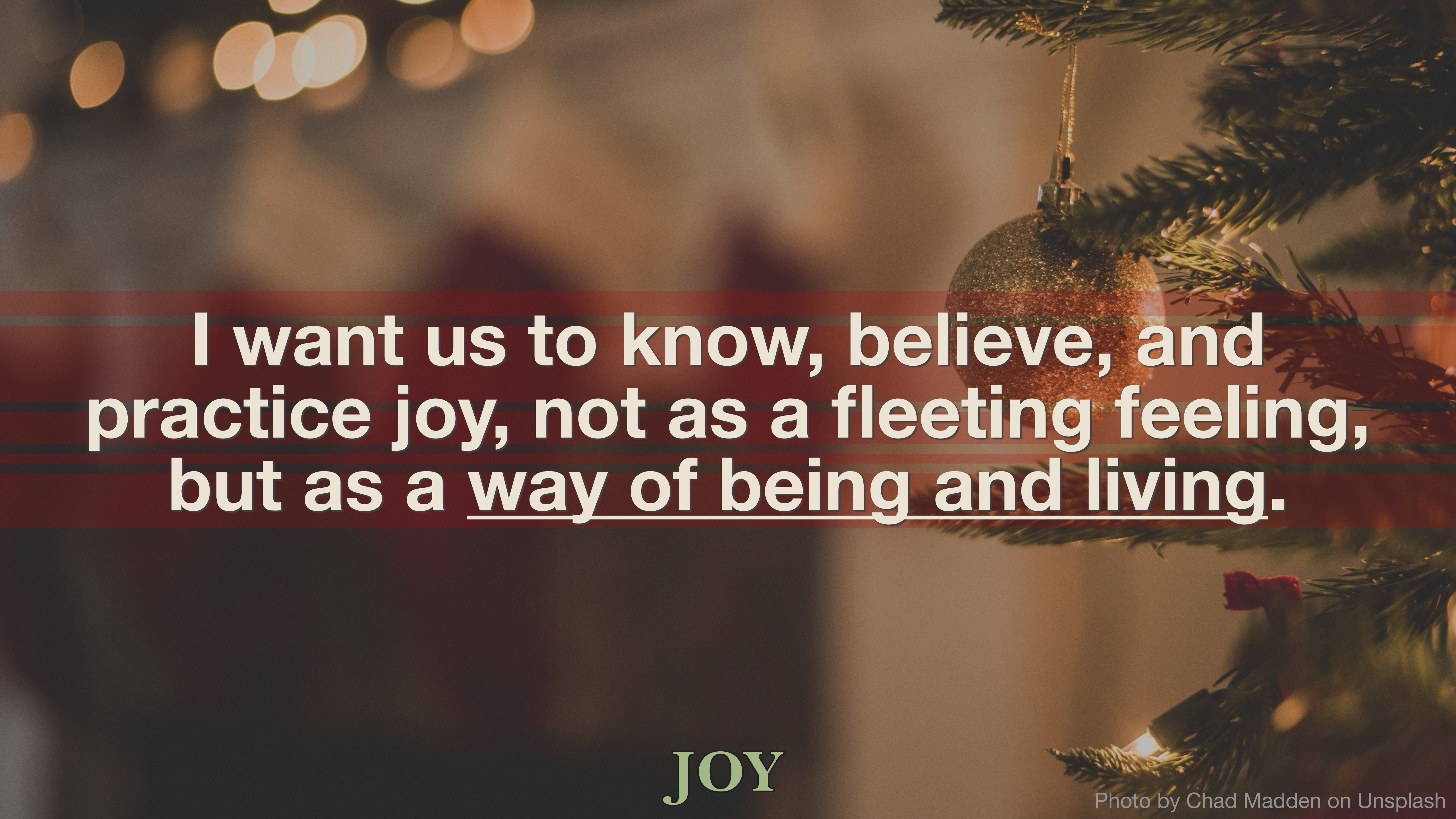
> Good news

- Peace
- Joy
- Favor

Do these accurately describe our beliefs, lifestyle, attitude, experiences?

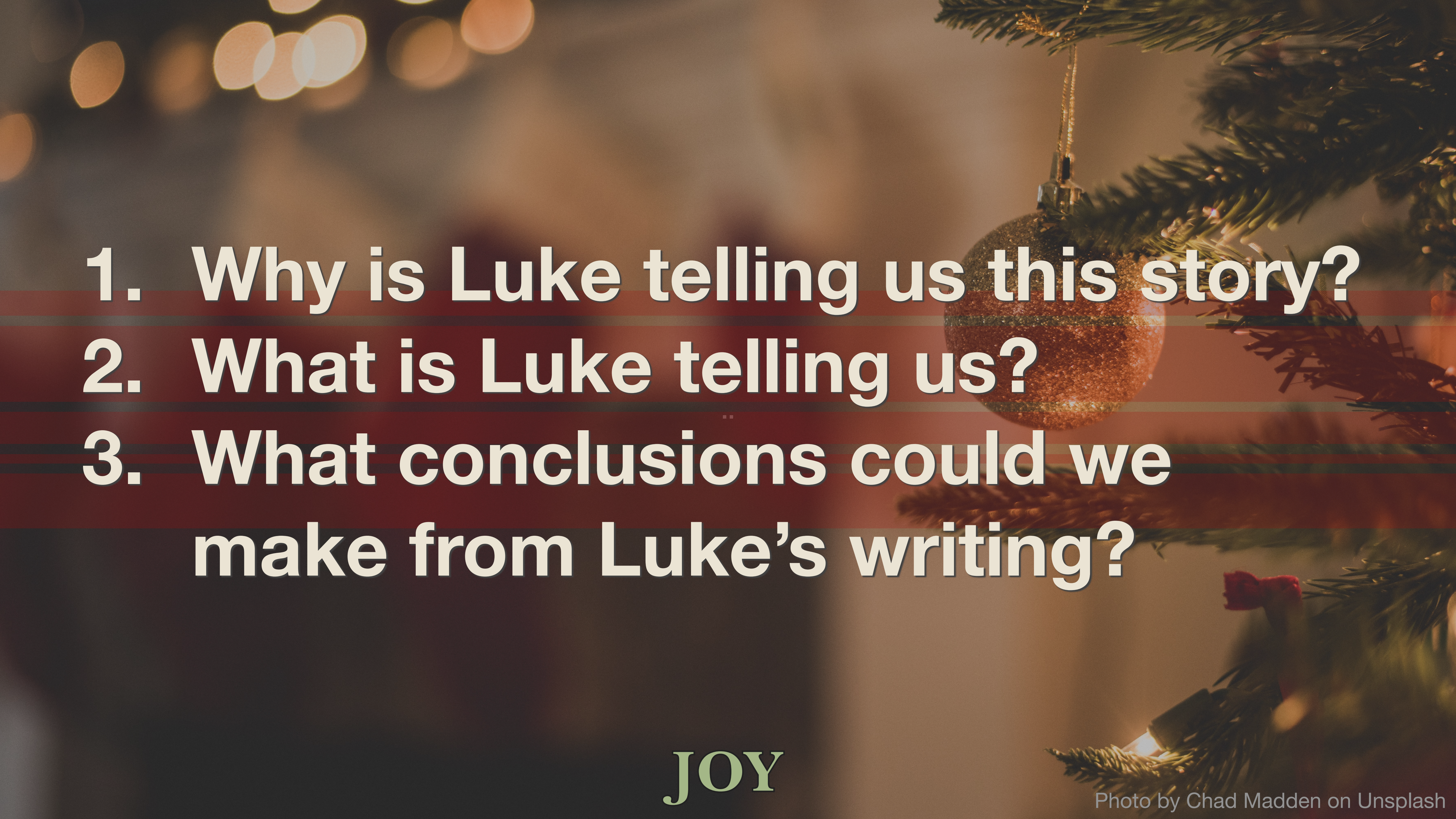
- 1) Maybe we don't know good news.
- 2) Maybe we don't believe good news.
- 3) Maybe we believe something more.
- 4) Maybe we don't act upon the Good News.





I want us to know, believe, and practice joy, not as a fleeting feeling, but as a way of being and living.

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 2. What is Luke telling us?
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1. Why is Luke telling us this story?

- a. Certainty.
- b. How certain is your joy?
- c. How vulnerable is your joy to circumstances and situations?

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2. What is Luke telling us?

- a. God is pursuing humanity.
- b. Jesus is the fullest reality of God's love, and is in God's exact image.
- c. Jesus alone saves.

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3. What conclusions could we make from Luke's writing?

- a. People need a Savior.
- b. Jesus is the Savior.
- c. Great joy is our lifestyle in response to God's great love!

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How can I take responsibility for this message?

1. Consistently celebrate and rejoice in God's goodness.
2. Cultivate a fiery love for God and others.
3. Intentionally serve others.
4. Live the abiding lifestyle so that the Holy Spirit produces within you the fruit of the Spirit (JOY).

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