

Finding Peace In Our Struggles

Advent Week 2

- I. Introduction/Review
 - A. Advent is our season of celebrating the coming of Christ as Savior to the world
 - B. Simeon and Anna saw the promise and provision of God in the Temple
- II. The Shepherd's Story
 - A. In the midst of darkness, God announces the birth of His Son and peace to those who find Him - Luke 2:8-14
 - B. God uses the ordinary to communicate His provision to the world - Luke 2:15-20
 - C. Even in our darkest moments, God wants to use us for His glory
- III. Our takeaway from the Shepherds
 - A. Peace comes in the midst of our storms - Jn. 14:27
 - B. Peace defies our circumstances - Phil. 4:4-7
 - C. Peace is a person - Eph. 2:14; Isa. 9:6,7; Mt. 11:28-30
- IV. Takeaway:
 - A. II Thessalonians 3:16
 - B. *"God is to good to be unkind and He is too wise to be mistaken. And when we cannot trace His hand, we must trust His heart."* Charles Spurgeon