

# **The Twelve Words of Christmas: Don't Be Afraid**

## **Don't Be Afraid! God Hears Your Prayers**

A> Zechariah feared that his prayers had not been heard.

*(Luke 1:13) But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard."*

B> We, like Zechariah, need to know that God hears our prayers.

## **Don't Be Afraid! God Loves You Dearly**

A> Mary feared that she was not worthy of God's love.

*(Luke 1:28) Greetings! You who are highly favored! The Lord is with you!*

*(Luke 1:30) Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God.*

*Do not be afraid, Mary. God loves you dearly.*

B> We, like Mary, need to know that God loves us dearly.

## **Don't Be Afraid! God is Working in Your Life**

A> Joseph feared that his life was too broken for God to use.

*(Matthew 1:20) Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.*

B> We, like Joseph, need to know that God is working in our lives.

## **Don't Be Afraid! God has Good News for You**

**A> The shepherds feared bad news from God.**

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

**B> We, like the shepherds, need to know that God has good news for us.**

*Is God sending you a message today?*