



SETBACK CERTAINTIES I NEED TO REMEMBER THIS SEASON

- 1. Setbacks are a matter of “ _____ ” not _____.**
When all kinds of trials and temptations crowd into your lives my brothers.
James 1:3a Phillips
- 2. My _____ in my setback is crucial to _____ my setback.**
...don't resent them as intruders, welcome them as friends! **James 1:3b** Phillips
- 3. Setbacks are not meant to _____ but to _____.**
Realize that they come to test your faith and to produce in you the quality of endurance. But let the process go on until that endurance is fully developed, and you will find you have become men of mature character... **James 1:3b, 4** Phillips

CHRISTMAS IS A SCARY TIME FOR MANY

- **MARY FACED _____.**
*“Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. So, the angel said, ‘DO NOT BE AFRAID, Mary, for God has decided to bless and use you! You will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus...and he will be the Son of God, and his Kingdom will never end!’ Then Mary asked, ‘But how can this be?’” **Luke 1:29-34***
- **JOSEPH FACED _____.**
*“Now this is how Jesus Christ was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant by the Holy Spirit. Joseph, her fiancé, being a good and righteous man, decided to break off the engagement quietly, so it would not disgrace Mary publicly. But after he had considered doing this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, ‘Joseph, DO NOT BE AFRAID to take Mary home as your wife, because the child in her is from God’s Holy Spirit.’” **Matthew 1:18-20***
- **SHEPHERDS FACED _____.**
That night some shepherds were in the fields outside the village, guarding their flocks of sheep. SUDDENLY, an angel ...appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord’s

glory flashed and surrounded them. They were terribly frightened, so the angel said to them ‘DO NOT BE AFRAID!’ **Luke 2:8-10**

- **KING HEROD FACED _____.**

Jesus was born in Bethlehem during the time that Herod was the king of the Jews... Then some wise men from the east came to Jerusalem and started asking: ‘Where is the child born to be the king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him!’ When King Herod heard this news, he was deeply frightened and disturbed, and so was everyone else in Jerusalem!

Matthew 2:1-3

- **ZECHARIAH FACED _____.**

*(While serving in the Temple) an angel appeared to Zechariah. When he saw the angel, he was confused and overwhelmed with fear. But the angel said to him: ‘DO NOT BE AFRAID! Your prayer has been heard!’ **Luke 1:11-13***

HOW CAN I REPLACE MY FEARS WITH FAITH?

- 1. _____!**

*Mary said, “I am the Lord’s servant, and I am willing to do whatever he wants. May everything you said come true.” And then the angel disappeared’ **Luke 1:38** TLB*

*We are confident that God is able to orchestrate everything to work toward something good and beautiful when we love Him and accept His invitation to live according to His plan. **Romans 8:28** VOICE*

- 2. _____.**

*Then Mary sang, ‘With all my heart I praise the Lord! I rejoice in God my Savior, for he notices and cares for me, a simple servant girl! ...He has blessed me, and He is the Mighty One who is holy... He is All-Powerful... He can do anything... He meets all our needs...and He keeps his promises!’ **Luke 1:46-56***

Mary sang! Lk. 1:46-56, Elizabeth sang! Lk. 1: 42-45, Zechariah sang! Lk. 1:67-79

The Angels sang! Luke 2:13-14, The Shepherds sang! Lk. 2:20

You lose your _____ with you feel God is _____!

- 3. SWAP MY _____ OF MAN FOR FAITH IN GOD’S _____.**

*Elizabeth said to Mary, “You are blessed, because you believed that the Lord would do what he said.” **Luke 1:45** NLT*

*If you fear other people, you are walking into a dangerous trap; but if you trust in the Eternal, you will be safe. **Proverbs 29:25** VOICE*

*When I am afraid, O Lord Almighty, I put my trust in you. ⁴ I trust in God and am not afraid; I praise him for what he has promised. **Psalms 56:3-4** GNT*

Additional Notes:

Reflecting on todays message...

What touched my heart?

What is God asking me to do?

What should I change this week?

Who else needs to hear this message?
