



Holy Moments:

Appearances

Announcements

Lk 2:8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

14 “Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. 17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, NIV

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The background of the slide is a soft, abstract watercolor wash. It features a palette of pastel colors, including shades of lavender, light blue, pale pink, and hints of coral or light red. The colors are blended together in a fluid, organic manner, creating a dreamy and ethereal atmosphere. The overall effect is gentle and visually appealing, complementing the spiritual theme of the text.

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Big Events in life!

Save the date!

You are invited...

He/she is here!

Graduation invitation

Big Events are often life altering moments:

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Prov 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
6 in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight

Prov 16:3 Commit to the Lord whatever you do,
and he will establish your plans.

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Are you including God?

Making the plans for my
life

- Career path
- Selection of spouse
- What job to take
- What place to live
- You retain control

Are you following God?

Making the plans for my
life

- Career path
- Selection of spouse
- What job to take
- What place to live
- You give up control

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25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. 27 Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, 28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

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29 “Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

30 For my eyes have seen your salvation,

31 which you have prepared in the sight of all
nations:

32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel.”

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34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, 35 so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

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Announcements can be received quietly

It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

God speaks quietly at times

Imperceptibly to others

No heavens that open up

No angels that loudly proclaim

Just God whispering "you are to _____"

Holy Moments: Announcements

Whispered announcements are more common

They happen as a result of a life lived in prayer

Whispered announcements demand obedience

You go talk to some person as directed;

- You don't want to do it
- You go anyway

God works His will;

You stand amazed at what God does

Then you realize: It was a holy moment

Christmas

Christmas is about big announcements

Santa Claus is coming to town

Only 21 more shopping days til Christmas

Behold I bring you great joy that will be for all people!

Jesus is coming into the world!

Light has come into the world!

Christmas is also about whispered announcements

Simeon didn't see the angels that appeared to the
shepherds

He held a child... and knew

So What?

Open yourself to celebrate:

The big announcements of life

Check yourself:

Am I including God?

Am I following God?

Tune your ears to hear...

The gentle whisper of God

The nudging

Be willing to do as God directs

Prepare for a quiet holy moment after you obey

