



**Devotion Info**  
***Christmas Blue***

**DAY 1 Read Luke 2:25-35**

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Luke 2:25-35 NLT

- When you read, "a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel," how do you think Mary and Joseph would have interpreted that?
- How do you interpret it?

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- How do Simeon's words in Luke 2:29-32 impact your view of Jesus and why He came?

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- How different is the idea of fear and its impact on our lives today than the fears of those we read about in Luke 1:13, Matthew 1:20, and Luke 2:10-11?

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#### **DAY 4 Read Philippians 4:12-13, Isaiah 53:4**

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Philippians 4:12-13 NLT

*[4] Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins!*

Isaiah 53:4 NLT

- What circumstance is Paul facing as he writes Philippians 4?
- How do his words impact your story this Christmas?

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- If you were talking to an unbelieving friend or family member, how would you help them understand what Isaiah 53:4 means to them?

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