### WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL ----

# "Rejoice!" by Pastor Jack Hibbs

"For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11 (NKJV)

Globally, more people in more countries celebrate Christmas than any other holiday. It is a season of family and friends, a time when strangers greet one another with Merry Christmas and marvel at the message that hymns like the famous *O' Holy Night* proclaim.

"The stars are brightly shining, it is the night of our dear Savior's birth. Long lay the world in sin and error pining, till He appeared, and the soul felt its worth. The thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn."

Does it seem odd that a Christmas carol includes a message to a weary world? It should not. Hiding behind the merrymaking of bright lights and rounds of parties is a frustrated, worn down, and burdened world.

If you're feeling the weight of the world on your shoulders today, I encourage you to pause this holy season to reflect on the eternal God who stepped into your sindarkened world. Open your heart and rest awhile in the Word of God and allow His Spirit to replenish your soul with joy.

My prayer is that your joy is contagious and your feet swift to carry God's glad tidings of good news to all men. May you lift your heart and shout, "Hallelujah! A Savior is born!"

Pastor Jack Hibbs is the senior pastor at Calvary Chapel in Chino Hills, CA. His ministry, which includes "Real Life with Jack Hibbs", is seen via YouTube and on the app named for the ministry. The church's website is <a href="www.Calvarycch.org">www.Calvarycch.org</a>.

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#### Man Church

Men, mark your calendars for Sunday, January 30 at 6:00pm in the Conference Center for the first Man Church of 2022. Our guest speaker will be James Spann, Chief Meteorologist at ABC 33/40. Put it on your schedule now and invite a friend to come with you!

## Men's Ministry Mission Trip

Join the Men of Shades for a Mission Trip to Seeker Springs March 10-13. We'll serve with Terry Slawson and his team at Seeker Springs on some light construction and clean-up projects. We'll have more information to share at Man Church, so make your plans to be with us on January 30 for more details.

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