



SOUTHBRIDGE
COMMUNITY CHURCH

“It Came to Pass”
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Luke 2:1a (KJV) *And it came to pass in those days...*

- Four words that changed the _____.
- Four words that ushered in the _____.
- Four words that can _____ my life this Christmas.

Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)

For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

Luke 1:1-4 (NLT)

Many people have written accounts about the events that took place among us. 2 They used as their source material the reports circulating among us from the early disciples and other eyewitnesses of what God has done in fulfillment of his promises. 3 Having carefully investigated all of these accounts from the beginning, I have decided to write a careful summary for you, 4 to reassure you of the truth of all you were taught.

* **Important:** What about me? What is my “_____”?

FINDING “IT”

1. Learn to trust God’s _____.

Galatians 6:9 (NLT) *So don't get tired of doing what is good. Don't get discouraged and give up, for we will reap a harvest of blessing at the appropriate time.*

Luke 1:30 (NLT) *"Don't be frightened, Mary," the angel told her, "for God has decided to bless you!"*

* **Truth to Remember:** We often want God to “Hurry Up”!

2. Realize that God loves _____.

I Corinthians 12:6, 27 (NLT) *There are different ways God works in our lives, but it is the same God who does the work through all of us. 27 Now all of you together are Christ's body, and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it.*

I Peter 4:10 (NLT) *God has given gifts to each of you from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Manage them well so that God's generosity can flow through you.*

3. Recognize God-given _____.

Philippians 2:13 (NLT) *For God is working in you, giving you the desire to obey him and the power to do what pleases him.*

Luke 3:3 (NLT) *Then John went from place to place on both sides of the Jordan River, preaching that people should be baptized to show that they had turned from their sins and turned to God to be forgiven.*

* **Question:** What can't you _____?

4. Expect God to _____ the _____.

Luke 1:48 (NLT) *For he took notice of his lowly servant girl, and now generation after generation will call me blessed.*

Ephesians 3:20 (NLT) *Now glory be to God! By his mighty power at work within us, he is able to accomplish infinitely more than we would ever dare to ask or hope.*

Personal Action Steps
