

2. If a friend told you he believes God could never use him for anything good, what Bible examples could you use to encourage that friend?



Do Not Be Afraid

I. God wants to _____ your _____.

A. You are _____ that
God _____.

B. Do not be afraid!
God wants to _____ your _____!

LUKE 1:5-17; 1 PETER 3:12; 1 JOHN 5:13-15

II. God wants to _____ in a _____.

A. You are _____ that
you are _____ to be _____ by God.

B. Do not be afraid! God wants to _____
for His _____!

LUKE 1:26-35; ROMANS 8:28-32

III. God wants you to _____
in _____ your _____.

A. You are _____ that you will _____
get _____ your _____.

B. Do not be afraid! God is _____
in your _____!

MATTHEW 1:18-25; JAMES 1:2-5

PERSONAL APPLICATION

1. What is your greatest fear?

2. How has God encouraged you to “be not afraid” through this study?

If you have never been *born again*, contact Pastor Keith or a trusted Christian friend this week to find out how.

IV. God wants to use _____
to _____.

A. You are _____ that _____
is going to _____ your life.

B. Do not be afraid!

God wants you to _____!

LUKE 2:1-20; MATTHEW 6:33-34; PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Read MATTHEW 1:18-25 and GENESIS 50:15-21.

Joseph (the husband of Mary) and Joseph (the son of Jacob)
both found themselves in difficult circumstances.

How are their responses a pattern for believers today?

2. God interrupted the shepherds to get their attention and point them to Jesus. Another example of a divine interruption would be Jonah. Write down (and explain) at least one more Biblical example of an interruption that brought someone closer to God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Some people pray but God seems silent in response.

What possible explanations does the Bible offer for this dilemma?