



JOY is the most prominent theme of Christmas:

THE ANGEL was expectant of joy

*The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people."* - Luke 2:10

THE MAGI were exhilarated with joy

*When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.* - Matthew 2:10 (NIV)

JOHN was energized with joy

*As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.* - Luke 1:44 (NIV)

Problem: PEOPLE crush our joy

People who GET IN YOUR WAY

People who GRAB FOR YOUR STUFF

People who GROUP OUTSIDE YOUR TRIBE

People's limits cause us to LIMIT our LOVE

*For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.* - Luke 2:30-32 (NIV)

Solution: SEE people as Jesus does

*Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."* - Luke 19:9-10 (NIV)

What would change if you saw people as LOST ?