



Finding Direction at Christmas

Read Matthew 1&2 and Luke 1&2

Listen to the Message 'Finding Direction at Christmas' (17th December '23) at www.elim.family/media

The sermon emphasizes the importance of recognizing God's communication during the Christmas season. The key point is that the Christmas narrative is marked by God speaking and people listening. The sermon explores four ways God communicated during the Christmas story.

1. **Prophetic Words:** The speaker highlights the numerous prophetic words foretelling the Messiah's birth, emphasizing the importance of prophetic insight in contemporary Pentecostal beliefs.
2. **Dreams:** The sermon discusses the role of dreams in conveying divine messages, drawing parallels with biblical figures like Joseph and the Magi. The speaker encourages openness to God's communication through dreams.
3. **Natural World:** The natural world, illustrated by the Star of Bethlehem, is presented as another means through which God communicates. The speaker refers to Psalms and personal experiences to support the idea that God still speaks through nature.
4. **Angels:** The final method explored is God speaking through angels. The sermon underscores the biblical presence of angels as powerful messengers and emphasizes their continued relevance in modern times.

The Ps. Jim concludes with three practical takeaways for the audience:

- God speaks uniquely to individuals, and it's essential to be open to various ways of communication.
- God often speaks unexpectedly, so listeners should remain attentive even in unexpected moments.
- A single word from God can transform one's life, but it requires active listening and openness to His communication.

Questions for reflection:

Prophetic Insight:

1. In what ways do you see God speaking through prophetic words in your own life or community?

Dreams:

2. Have you ever experienced a significant dream that you believe might have been from God?

3. How can you cultivate an openness to God speaking through dreams in your spiritual life?

Nature and God's Communication:

4. Reflect on a moment in nature that has felt spiritually significant to you. How might God have been communicating in that moment?
5. How can you be more intentional about seeking God's voice in the natural world?

Angelic Encounters:

6. What are your thoughts on the idea of angels being active in contemporary times?
7. Have you ever experienced or heard about an encounter with an angel? How did it impact your faith?

Final Thought:

8. Can you recall a specific moment when a word from God changed the course of your life?
9. How might actively listening to God impact your future decisions and actions?

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