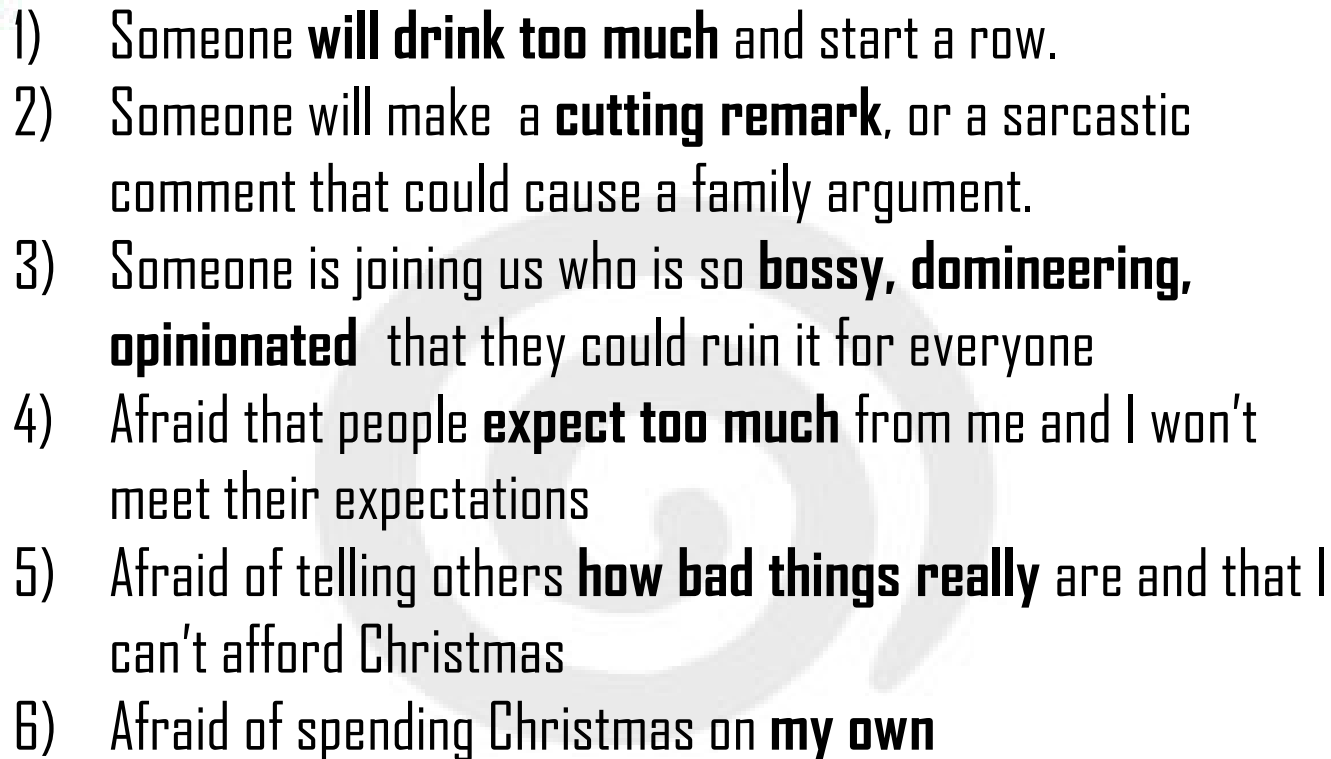


Christmas Fear

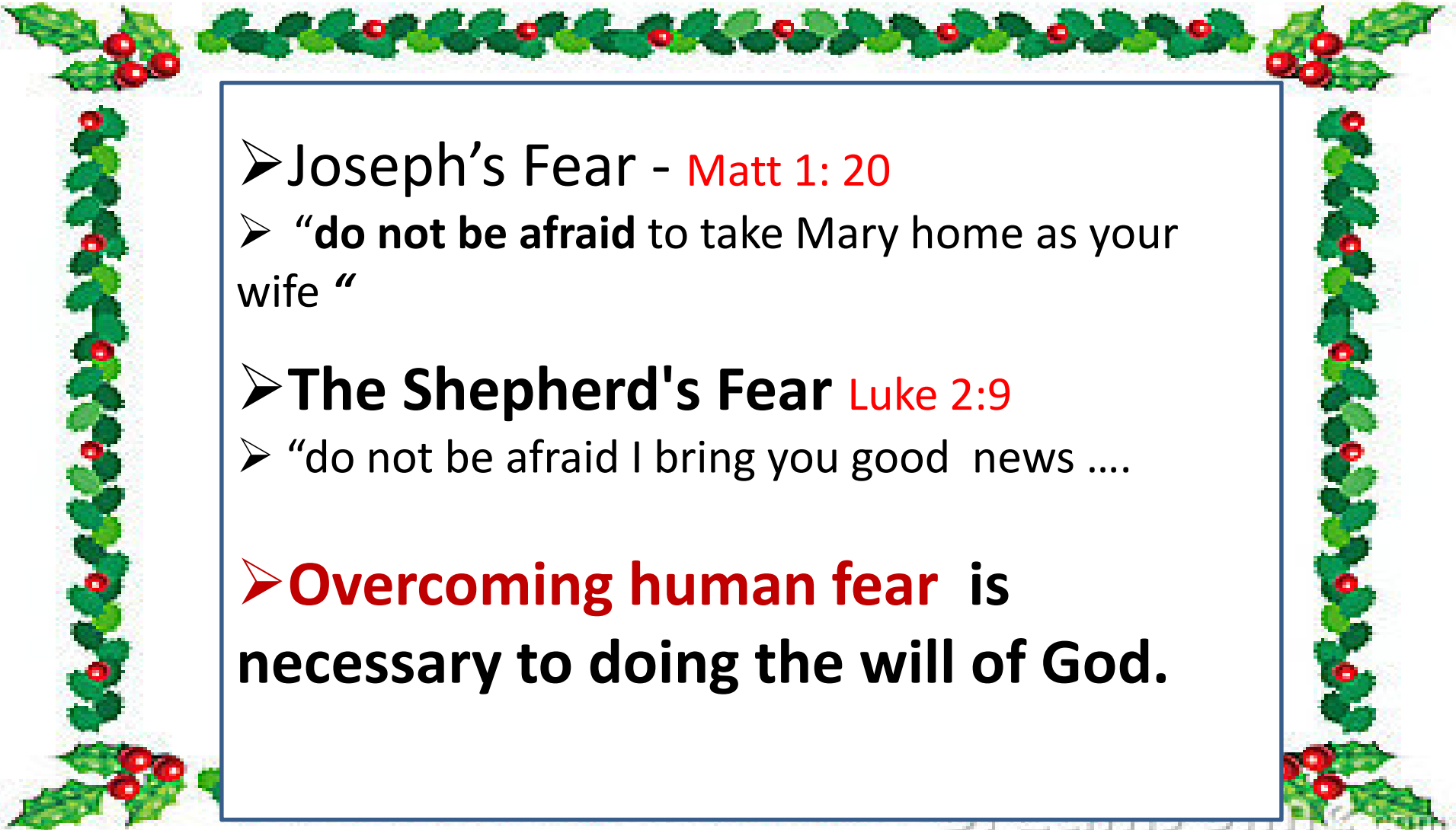
Afraid- That...

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- 1) Someone **will drink too much** and start a row.
 - 2) Someone will make a **cutting remark**, or a sarcastic comment that could cause a family argument.
 - 3) Someone is joining us who is so **bossy, domineering, opinionated** that they could ruin it for everyone
 - 4) Afraid that people **expect too much** from me and I won't meet their expectations
 - 5) Afraid of telling others **how bad things really** are and that I can't afford Christmas
 - 6) Afraid of spending Christmas on **my own**

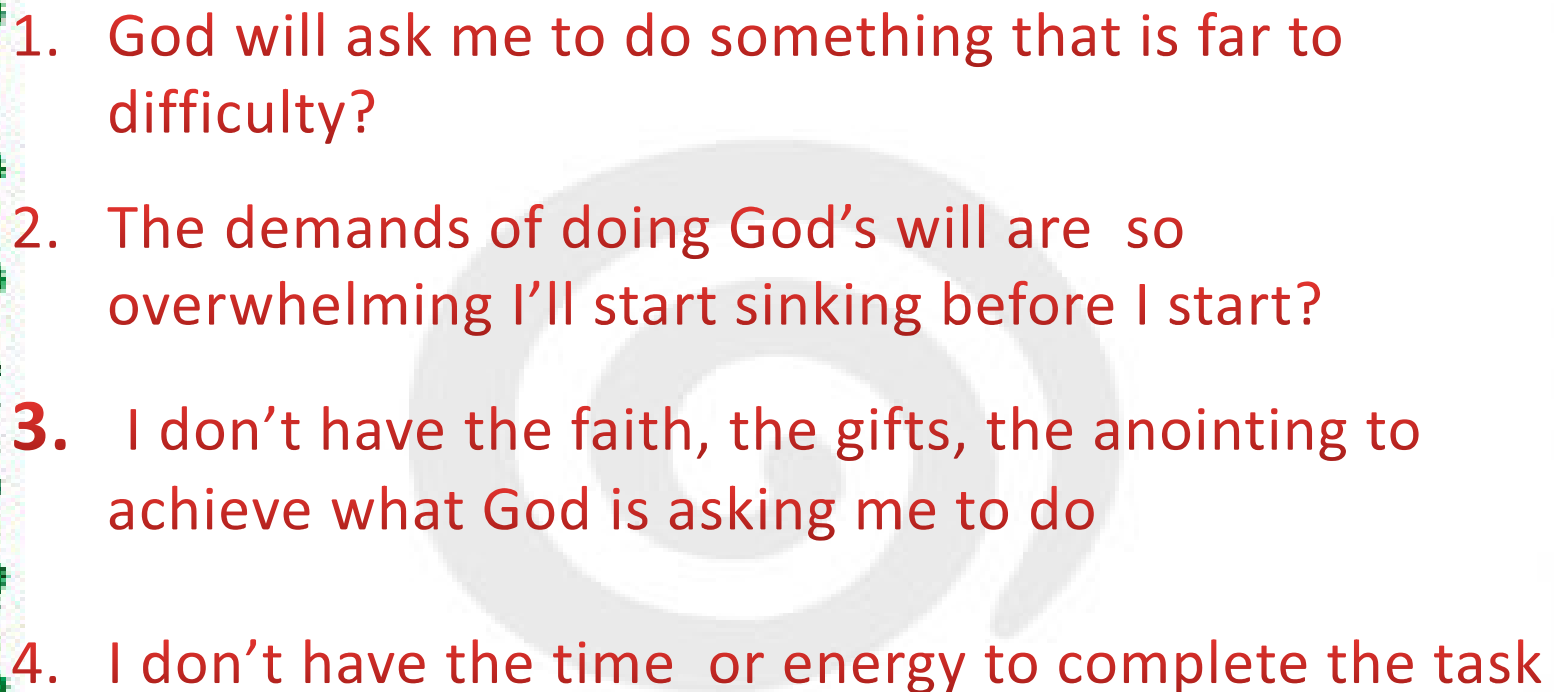
Christmas Fear **AFRAID OF....**

- **Mary's Fear** - greatly troubled **Luke 1: 29**
- ***Confused and disturbed*** Mary tried to think what the angel could mean.? *Luke 1: 29 NLT*
- **Do not be afraid**, Mary; you have found favour with God. Luke 1; 30

Christmas Fear **AFRAID OF....**

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- Joseph's Fear - **Matt 1: 20**
 - "do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife "
 - **The Shepherd's Fear** **Luke 2:9**
 - "do not be afraid I bring you good news
 - **Overcoming human fear** is necessary to doing the will of God.

Afraid- THAT...

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1. God will ask me to do something that is far to difficulty?
 2. The demands of doing God's will are so overwhelming I'll start sinking before I start?
 3. I don't have the faith, the gifts, the anointing to achieve what God is asking me to do
 4. I don't have the time or energy to complete the task

Afraid- OF...

Does God require of you what He required of....

Mary

Joseph

The Shepherds

✓ Are you doing what God has asked & equipped you to do?

✓ Are you operating within the boundaries of your gifts
✓ & `anointing

✓ Do you operate out of fear **or OUT of LOVE?**

Do Not Be Afraid...

1. **Overcoming human fear** is usual the first step when facing Life's challenges.
2. **Overcoming human fear** is crucial for doing God's will
3. God never asks **without equipping**
4. Living out of fear or out of love **is our choice**