



"The Annunciation," The Philadelphia Museum of Art, Henry Ossawa Tanner

Luke 1:29 *But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was.*

- The Christmas story is too often misread. The words aren't misread, but the _____ is.
- We interpret it as though they _____ what we know.
- We sterilize it; we filter out the _____ they were feeling.
- We ignore the _____ they experienced as they walked through the moments.

▪ **Christmas always brings _____**

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- Life is _____.
- The trouble that affects our _____.

Luke 2:35 *Yes a sword will pierce through your own soul also, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.*

▪ **Take aways**

- God is at _____.
- His _____ will play out.
- Faith is how we _____ the drama and trauma.
- Life is personal; the _____ is felt personally.
- What we've been given is _____ than anything we go through.