



Like a Shepherd

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TODAY'S READING: Luke 2

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people" (Luke 2: 8-10)

The shepherds, humble and often overlooked, became the first recipients of the angelic proclamation. The news they received was not just for the privileged or the powerful but for "all the people." The birth of Jesus was an invitation to joy that transcended social status and circumstance.

In this passage we are reminded that the good news of Jesus is for everyone, regardless of their background or station in life. Jesus has come to meet our greatest need, the forgiveness of sin. The shepherds' response, quick and eager, serves as an example of how we too should respond to the incredible news of Jesus coming to earth.

Here are some ways you can apply this to your life:

Receive the Good News: Just as the shepherds received the good news with open hearts, take a moment to reflect on the significance of Jesus' birth in your own life.

Receive the joy and hope that comes with the knowledge of the Savior.

Share the Joy: The shepherds did not keep the news to themselves; they shared it with others. Consider how you can share the joy of Jesus with those around you.

Respond with Worship: Like the shepherds, respond to the good news with worship and praise. Take time to express gratitude to God for the gift of Jesus and the salvation He brings.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, we thank You for the good news of great joy announced to the shepherds on that holy night. Help us receive this news with open hearts and to share the joy of Jesus with those around us. May our lives be a testament to the transformative power of Your love.

TOMORROW'S READING: Mark 1

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