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LUKE 2:8-18

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

2. VERSE-BG



Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

3. VERSE-BG



When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

4. VERSE-BG



SHEPHERDS IN THE TIME OF JESUS

PHILO (time of Jesus)

“Such pursuits (looking after sheep and goats) are held mean and inglorious”

5. [Group] VERSE-BG



SHEPHERDS IN THE TIME OF JESUS

MISHNAH (190-200 AD)

“Shepherds are incompetent. Don’t need to feel obligated to rescue a shepherd who has fallen into a pit.”

6. VERSE-BG



SHEPHERDS IN THE TIME OF JESUS

MIDRASH (900-1000 AD)

“There is no occupation which is more degrading and lowly than that of the shepherd who trudges all day carrying his stick and his knapsack.”

7. VERSE-BG



“Stay close to the poor.”

- Dorothy Day

8. VERSE-BG




“The invitation is not to romanticize the poor but to recognize that some essential piece of our own salvation is tied up in our proximity to those on the outskirts.”

– Greg Boyle

9. VERSE-BG



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“So you can see the power of what Jesus was doing. He reaches to the edges of his society, bringing a marginalized person into the center; the ignored and dismissed are now in the spotlight, the focus of our care, affection, and attention.”

– Richard Beck

12. VERSE-BG



- Wake up to your Emotional Chatter

13. [Group] VERSE-BG



“It would seem that, quite possibly, the ultimate measure of health in any community might well reside in our ability to stand in awe at what folks have to carry rather than in judgment at how they carry it.”

– Greg Boyle

14. [Group] VERSE-BG



- Wake up to your Emotional Chatter
- Locate Yourself on the Circle of Affection

15. VERSE-BG



“We are sent to the margins NOT to make a difference
but so that the folks on the margin will make us different.”
– Greg Boyle

16. VERSE-BG



- Wake up to your Emotional Chatter
- Locate Yourself on the Circle of Affection
- Take a step in either Direction

17. VERSE-BG



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