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## “Shepherd’s Joy”

*“I bring you good news of a great joy which shall be for all the people...”*

Luke 2:10

Shepherding was a profession **least desired**.

- Shepherds were **looked down upon** all their lives.

The angel **stood before** the shepherds to make the heavenly announcement.

*“And the angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them...”*

Luke 2:9

Ask the shepherd-question:

*“Does that **‘all’ include me?**”*

*“...I bring you good news of a great joy which shall be for all the people...”*

Luke 2:10

The Good News of great joy is **four you**.

*“I bring you good news of a great joy...there has been born for you a Savior...and this will be a sign for you, you will find a baby...”*

Luke 2:10-12

I forfeit great joy if I don't **act upon** the good news that's been given.

- Voices from my past act to keep me frozen to where I am.
- *"You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fulness of joy and in Your right hand are pleasures forever."* Psalm 16:11

Joy **bolsters** others.

*"When they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child."*

Luke 2:17

Joy is **greater than** my circumstances.

*"And the shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen..."* Luke 2:20

When Jesus moves in, He **unpacks joy**.