

Advent Devotional - Day 11

December 11th



Scripture: Luke 2:8-9 Verse: *“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.”*

Reflection:

The shepherds' experience on the night of Jesus' birth is both awe-inspiring and deeply human. As they tended their flocks under the quiet night sky, their lives were suddenly interrupted by a brilliant light and the appearance of an angel. Their initial reaction was one of great fear, a natural response to such an extraordinary and unexpected event.

In modern times, we too encounter moments that fill us with fear and uncertainty. Whether it's a sudden change in our personal lives, unexpected news, or global events that shake our sense of security, fear is a common human experience. The shepherds' story reminds us that even in the midst of fear, God's presence brings reassurance and hope.

The angel's message to the shepherds was one of good news and great joy, not just for them but for all people. This message transcends time and continues to resonate with us today. It reminds us that in our moments of fear, God is with us, bringing light into our darkness and offering us peace.

Reflect on a time when you felt afraid or uncertain. How did you experience God's presence and reassurance during that time? As you face challenges in your life, remember the shepherds' experience and the angel's message. Trust that God is with you, bringing hope and joy even in the midst of fear.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for the reminder that You are with us in our moments of fear and uncertainty. Help us to trust in Your presence and to find comfort in Your message of hope and joy. May we, like the shepherds, be open to Your guidance and reassurance. Amen.



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