



## "Take a New Step of Faith"

### THE SHEPHERDS

- **Who were the shepherds?**

*That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified.*

Luke 2:8-9 (NLT)

#### 1. **LISTEN** to the word of the Lord!

- **COURAGE**

*But the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said.*

Luke 2:10a (NLT)

- **GOOD NEWS**

*"I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. Luke 2:10b (NLT)*

- **JOY**

*<sup>11</sup> The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! <sup>12</sup> And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger.”*  
Luke 2:11-12 (NLT)

- **HOPE**

*<sup>13</sup> Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying,*

*<sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in highest heaven,  
and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.”*  
Luke 2:13-14 (NLT)

## **2. God SPEAKS to us!**

*<sup>15</sup> When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, “Let’s go to Bethlehem! Let’s see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”*  
Luke 2:15 (NLT)

*<sup>20</sup> The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them. Luke 2:20 (NLT)*

*But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.*  
John 20:31 (NLT)

## **3. Take the INTENTIONAL step of faith!**

- **FIND Jesus**

*<sup>15</sup> When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, “Let’s go to Bethlehem! Let’s see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” <sup>16</sup> They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger.*  
Luke 2:15-16 (NLT)

- **TELL others**

*<sup>17</sup> After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. <sup>18</sup> All who heard the shepherds’ story were astonished.*  
Luke 2:17-18 (NLT)

- **Live a CHANGED life.**

*<sup>20</sup> The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them.*  
Luke 2:20 (NLT)