

December 18

Scripture: [Luke 2:8-20](#)

Can you imagine the serene, or possibly even mind-numbingly boring, act of sitting out in a field with sheep all night? Any excitement that occurred for the shepherds was usually the danger of thieves or an attacking animal. Of course they are terrified when they first see the angels! However, they quickly change their attitudes as they begin to grasp that these were heavenly messengers sent to bring them the good news of the Messiah.

We should take note of how these humble shepherds receive the news of Jesus. They don't question why they are chosen to hear this message or if they are worthy of this news. Instead, they quite literally run with this news all the way to the presence of the newborn King, falling in adoration before Him.

Why might you question God's love for you? Whose authority is higher than His, that you could believe you don't have as much access to grace as anyone else? Jesus came for you! Rather than focusing on why you are or aren't worthy, find your identity in the selfless love of Jesus stepping down from the throne of heaven to become our Savior. We often say "welcome home" when you come into New Life Church, and it's because we're convinced that you belong in the family of God because Jesus came just as much for you as anyone else. You belong here because of who Christ is and what He has done, there's nothing more or less you could do to make him love you!

Find one verse that reminds you of the Lord's love for you and write it down somewhere you can see often throughout your day. Remember that you are chosen on heavenly authority to carry the good news of Jesus' arrival in your life!