


## Luke 2:15

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We all probably have kids or know of those who have kids. But have you ever thought about when someone has a baby, that they don't keep it to themselves? Rather, they call, text and email all their family, friends, coworkers, neighbors, even strangers in the grocery store, letting them know that little Johnny or little Jane has been born. And we do so because we are excited and proud of our little baby; therefore, we tell those that we care about.

When Jesus was born, God did not have banners going out throughout the earth, no message was written in the sky. God did not rearrange the stars to spell out, "**My Son Jesus is born**". God did not go to the kings of the earth and proclaim this. No, God sent an angel to what the world considered the lowest of low, which were the shepherds, and God told them only, so that they would tell others.

 **Luke 2:10** *Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people."*


But we don't think about that, because we have made the job of being a shepherd into something that is glamorous, when in reality, most considered those who were a shepherd as a lowly job, so much so that some would not have anything to do with them, simply because of their job. But even though man thought this, God did not, because once again, God did not send the angel to the rich, famous, or high officials to proclaim the birth of His Son, Jesus. He sent them to the shepherds, which are normal people like you and me.

Now I don't know about you, but for me, that's exciting and wonderful news, because so many times we may feel that the Lord will not use someone like me, I'm a nobody, doing a little mundane job that I go to everyday, not making any difference in the lives of others, which is actually the furthest thing from the truth.

We have all seen the movie, "It's a Wonderful Life", which is not really a Christmas movie, but since the end happens during Christmas, they turn it into a Christmas movie. But getting away from the Christmas portion of it, the movie is about a man named George Bailey, played by James Stewart, who feels like his life has been a waste, and that he has not made a difference in the lives of others, and we all know the end of the story. But how many times do we feel like a George Bailey, going through life, day to day, working, paying bills, never getting caught up, going to kids or grandkids baseball or soccer games. Going to church, and tithing in the church....

We can go on and on, but the truth is that God is using you and me too. No one is so insignificant that God would not use any of us.

So, you may feel like a shepherd in life, but remember that God told only the shepherds about the birth of His Son Jesus, on the day that He was born, and no one else. Therefore, be a shepherd in life, and as you are, do what they did this Christmas season. And when Christmas is all over, continue to proclaim the good news of Jesus, not just His birth, or His death, but also His resurrection from the dead, telling all, from lowly shepherds to kings, that they can all be saved through this child, Jesus Christ, that we are celebrating.

 **Luke 2:15, 17-18 & 20** *So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.*