

Prepare Him Room
Room For The Marginalized
Luke 2:8-20

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1. The shepherds' **RÉSUMÉ** (like so many others in the Bible) shows us that God doesn't call the qualified. He qualifies the called.

Luke 2:8,9

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. **⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them...**

God glorifies Himself in using ordinary people like us to do His extraordinary work.

1 Cor. 1:27-29

²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; **God chose what is weak** in the world to shame the strong; **²⁸ God chose what is low and despised** in the world, **even things that are not**, to bring to nothing things that are, **²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.**

What about you? Do you believe God has "qualified" you to be used for His glory in His church? Why or why not?

2. The shepherds' **REACTIONS** show us true faith always gives birth to action.

Luke 2:15,16

¹⁵ ... "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." **¹⁶ And they went with haste...**

What about you? The shepherds heard truth, believed it, and hastily took action. What patterns of response do you see in your life when you hear the Word of God?

3. The shepherds' RESPONSE to their encounter with Christ is the same for every true believer—witness and worship.

Luke 2:17,18,20

¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them...²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

What about you? Have you come to Christ in saving faith? Why or why not? If so, what examples of witness and worship are evident in your life? Are you stronger in one of these than the other? What can you do to cultivate growth in this area of your life?