### Fear Not—3 When You Don't Feel Good Enough for God

And there were <u>shepherds</u> living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup>An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "<u>Do not be afraid</u>. I bring you <u>good news</u> that will cause <u>great joy for all the people</u>. <sup>11</sup>Today in the town of David <u>a Savior has been born to you</u>; he is the Messiah, the Lord." Luke 2:8-11 NIV

#### **3** Reasons Shepherds Felt Distant From God

- They felt unworthy.
- They felt inadequate.
- They felt unloved.

### The Good News About Being Right With God

For no one can ever be made <u>right with God</u> by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are. <sup>21</sup>But now <u>God has shown us a way to be made right with him</u> without keeping the requirements of the law ... <sup>22</sup>We are <u>made right with God</u> by <u>placing our faith in Jesus Christ</u>. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. Romans 3:20-22 NLT

# 1. You cannot earn God's acceptance by observing the law.

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# 2. The purpose of the law is to show your need for a Savior.

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If you don't see yourself as a sinner, you won't see your need for a Savior.

### 3. We're made right with God by faith in Christ alone.

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