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Holy Moments: Christmas Eve

The Shepherds

“And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.’” Luke 2:8-12 (NIV)

“So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen Him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.” Luke 2:16-18 (NIV)

The Wise Men:

“After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, ‘Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him.’” Matthew 2:1-2 (NIV)

“After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with His mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.” Matthew 2:9-12 (NIV)

What do we learn from their stories?

- **SEEK** Jesus.

*“You will seek Me and find Me
when you seek Me with all your heart.”
Jeremiah 29:13 (NIV)*

- How will I seek Him?

- **SHARE** Jesus.

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...”
Matthew 28:19 (ESV)*

- How will I share Him?

- **WORSHIP** Jesus.

*“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son,
that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”
John 3:16 (NIV)*

- How will I worship Him?