

Luke 2:14

Day 1: A Godly peace

Scripture: Job 38:1-7, Luke 2:13-15

Meditation: The shepherds were in the fields for what they thought was going to be just another night of protecting the sheep. But God was ready to display His ultimate plan for His creation. The verses in both Job and Luke show us that the angels celebrated at the beginning of creation and here they come again to celebrate the beginning of the new creation. It's all part of God's plan for redemption in order that His glory may be known. On that night, while the shepherds were planning to guard their sheep, God was planning on something much bigger.

Reflection: Has there ever been a moment in your life when you may have planned a normal day, but God revealed something you would have never expected? Have you ever spent time to truly think about the birth of Jesus and how it unfolded? If not, then I encourage you today to spend extra time thinking about all the details that were involved.

Prayer: Open your heart to what it is that God is about to reveal to you. Pray that as you do open your heart, that you are willing to go if He sends you.

Day 2: Delivering peace

Scripture: Luke 2:16-18

Meditation: These verses show us that as the angels appeared to praise what God had done, they also had a specific message for the shepherds. The shepherds knew where to go and what to look for when they went. As they located and discovered the gift of Jesus, they were amazed and went back to tell everyone what happened in their life. Peace was delivered.

Reflection: If you know what God wants you to be doing, are you willing to do it? What if I told you God wants you to go and make disciples and then to continue to teach that disciple the word of God. Does that change your perspective to the first question I asked? Spend some time looking at areas in your life in which you could do more or even better at making disciples.

Prayer: Ask God to help you slow down what it is that you are doing so that you can spend time doing what God commands us to do. Then pray for courage to then go out and do it.

Day 3: The effect of Godly peace

Scripture: Luke 2:19-20

Meditation: I love these two verses. It shows our need to make time to see the glory of God. Keep in mind, Mary just had a baby and not only that but the Savior of the world. And scripture tells us she took time to reflect. The shepherds left their post! Still did not regret it, because they saw the glory of God. It is the effect that happens to those who are changed.

Reflection: Spend time to reflect on what God has done in your life. Use some of the so-called rear-view mirror moments in your life to see God's glory today.

Prayer: Thank Him for loving you. Thank Him for saving you. Thank Him for creating you. Thank Him.