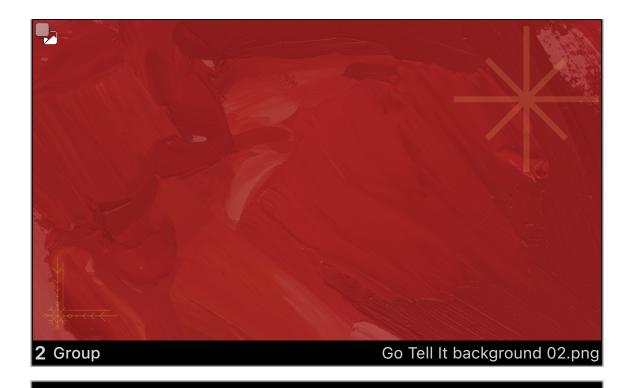
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In the same region, shepherds were staying out in the fields and keeping watch at night over their flock. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

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But the angel said to them, "Don't be afraid, for look, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people: Today in the city of David a Savior was born for you, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be the sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped tightly in cloth and lying in a manger."

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Suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying:
Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to people he favors!

When the angels had left them and returned to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go straight to Bethlehem and see what has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."

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They hurried off and found both Mary and Joseph, and the baby who was lying in the manger. After seeing them, they reported the message they were told about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

But Mary was treasuring up all these things in her heart and meditating on them. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had seen and heard, which were just as they had been told.

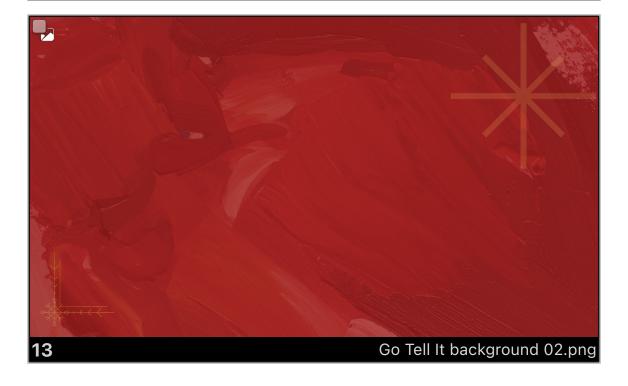
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| Who is | s the gospel for? | | |
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| Grace | precedes qualification | n. | |

The good news of Jesus is grace for all people.



Indeed, we have all received grace upon grace from his fullness, for the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

John 1v16-17 (CSB)



Grace means there is nothing we can do to make God love us more, and nothing we can do to make God love us less.

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What does the gospel do to those who truly receive it?

The gospel moves us to: encounter Jesus for ourselves

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"God's desire for us is that we should live in him. He sends among us the Way (Jesus) to himself. That show what, in his heart of hearts, God is really like – indeed, what reality is really like...Jesus offers himself as God's doorway into the life that is truly life."

Dallas Willard

The gospel moves us to:

encounter Jesus for ourselves and
to tell others about Jesus

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"Every Christian is either a missionary or an impostor."

C.H. Spurgeon

When we truly encounter the grace of Jesus, joy overflows, and we can't help but tell others. Why does encountering Jesus turn us into witnesses?

We share about Jesus because wonder and joy refuses to stay silent.

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Sharing the good news of Jesus with others is about overflow not obligation.

We do not speak most about what we ought to love, we speak most about what we already love.

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When we truly encounter the grace of Jesus, joy overflows, and we can't help but tell others.

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When was the last time you encountered the grace of Jesus?

Who might he now be longing to reach through you, this Christmas?

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