



FEAR NOT

Part 3: FEAR OF WHERE I STAND WITH GOD!

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. - 2 Timothy 1:7 NLT

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 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

3 Reasons Why the Shepherds Would Be Afraid:

- They would have felt **UNWORTHY** (unable to keep the commandments)
- They would have felt **INADEQUATE** (uneducated, untrustworthy thieves & drunkards)
- They would have felt **UNLOVABLE** (social outcasts)

The Good News!

- **God's love and acceptance of us is not based on our ability to keep the law.**

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- **The purpose of the law is to help us see our need for a Savior.**

For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are. - Romans 3:20 NLT

- **Right standing with God comes by faith in Christ alone!**

But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses[i] and the prophets long ago. 22 We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. - Rm 3:21-22 NLT

TALK IT OVER

- In what ways might you feel distant from God?
- What steps do you need to take to focus less on religion and more on your relationship with Christ?
- How have you been changed by the Good News of Jesus Christ?

Suggested Reading Plan: [An Unexpected Christmas](#)

Announcements:

- **Sunday Service @ 10 AM.** Nursery for children up to age 4 on weeks 2,3 & 4; KidZone for ages 5-11.
 - Christmas in KidZone 12/10!
- **Girl's Ministry** for grades K-6 *on Wednesdays @ 5:30 PM!*
 - *No Girls Ministry 12/27...Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!*
- **Finish Line Youth** for ages 12-12th grade *Wednesdays @ 7 PM!*
 - *No Youth Group 12/27...Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!*
- **Angel Tree** is a ministry to children of incarcerated parents. 11/26 - Take an "angel;" 12/10 - return wrapped gift; 12/17 - Deliver gifts. See Shirley Lane if you are interested in participating.
- **Christmas Play 12/17!** Invite your family, friends and neighbors!
 - *Please Note: We will not be able to livestream or record this service. Please join us in person!*
- **Carols Service 12/24 @ 10 am!**

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