

Advent Devotional: "Do You Know What I Know?"

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Scripture: Luke 2:17-18

"When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told to them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them."

Have you ever been told or shown something that changed your world for the better? For me, I will never forget the day that my mom said I was going to have a little brother. The kid in me, excited and overjoyed at the idea of being a big brother, proclaimed to everyone — from my teachers, to our mailman, to even my own dad — that my little brother was coming into the world. In my heart, everyone needed to know. And no one was going to stop me. I'll never forget seeing him for the first time... and then telling everyone, yet again, that I was a big brother.

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That's how I imagine the shepherds feeling when the angel told them that the Savior of the world was born in Bethlehem. These verses paint a powerful picture: their hearts were so overjoyed at seeing the Messiah; they had to let everyone know. In their hearts, it wasn't even a question.

They didn't just stop there. After seeing baby Jesus, they put their witness into action. They went to everyone in the village of Bethlehem and told them the greatest news of all time. They didn't just want everyone to hear a great story; they wanted them to feel it. After all, this was a truth that couldn't be kept secret — it had to be told.

As we are in our third week of Advent, I ask you this question: Who is Jesus in your life? What would it be like to tell others — family, friends, and everyone in between — that our Savior lived, died, and rose again to bring salvation to those who follow Him? The shepherds had their story... What is yours?

