

To Hell with Hesitation
Christmas at Gilead
December 15, 2024

- Theme: We never know how God might use one moment of BOLDNESS to change someone's life.
- The prophetic declaration - Luke 2:8-11 NLT
 - ✓ Followed 400 years of SILENCE since Malachi
 - ✓ Why SHEPHERDS? - Raising sheep for PASSOVER!
 - ✓ Shepherd problems:
 - 1) Not allowed to testify in court - No TRUST
 - 2) Rarely sold property - Assumed STOLEN
 - 3) Ceremonially unclean - Barred from TEMPLE
 - 4) Social outcasts - Bottom RUNG of society
 - ✓ God chose unpolished, unremarkable, uneducated shepherds to declare: The SAVIOR IS BORN! - Luke 2:12-15 NLT
- The urgent response: No hesitation - Luke 2:16
 - ✓ Told EVERYONE - Luke 2:17 NLT
 - ✓ God often chooses the unlikely to do the EXTRAORDINARY - Luke 2:18 NLT
 - 1) No one is too far - From God's REACH!
 - 2) No one is too low - For God's LOVE!
 - 3) No sin is too great - For God's GRACE!

Conclusion: Declare boldly - A Savior is HERE! Tell your family, friends, co-workers, neighbors: BRING YOUR troubles, illness, finances, addiction, sin, shame and sorrows - A Savior is Here! - Luke 2:20 NLT