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# THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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#### **CHRISTMAS NEED TO KNOW!**

**SUN, DEC 18 -** Grace Kids Christmas Performance: A Shoemaker's Christmas. You're invited to an adorable show that delivers the gospel message through a Christmas story. Live performances in both services.

**SAT, DEC 24 -** The Christmas service is at 3 PM and there is Kid Programming for ages 0-5th grade. The Candlelight service is at 10 PM.

**SUN, DEC 25 -** No services - Enjoy your Christmas morning!

**SUN, JAN 1 -** And we wrap up the season with Our Home to Yours online only service. Snuggle up at home with a service designed for the whole family!

# CHRISTMAS LEGACY

# DEC 11 // WEEK 3 // PASTOR JOE BOYD

# **Shepherds**

I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Ephesians 4:1

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. - Ephesians 3:20-21

#### **LEGACY STOPPERS:**

A wrong view of self Insecurity Fear Inadequacy Reluctance

#### God declares how He sees us.

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. - 1 Peter 2:9

# 2 Obstacles blocking our God given potential:

#### 1. We can have a wrong view of people.

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. - Matthew 9:36

#### 2. We can have a wrong view of God.

Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you. - Jeremiah 32:17

#### God used the shepherds as a model for a legacy fueled by faith.

That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior - yes, the Messiah, the Lord has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger." - Luke 2:8-12

#### **3 WAYS FAITH FUELS LEGACY:**

# 1. Faith is birthed in God's presence.

When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. - Luke 2:15-16

### 2. Faith goes beyond inspiration to participation.

The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them. - Luke 2:20

#### 3. Faith is fueled by experiences with God.

My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power. - 1 Corinthians 2:4-5