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Why I Love The Christmas Story
Luke: 8-14
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Many people will have the Christmas story told to them in various ways. Movies about Christmas like *Home Alone*, *Elf*, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, *Miracle on 34th Street*, *Charlie Brown Christmas*, and *Bad Santa*, have their own story line in an attempt to entertain. However, these stories pale in comparison to the Christmas story told in Luke 2.

This story is not on DVD or High D but it's in the WORD. It never gets old or cold and it never loses its power or its point.

1. It Reminds Me That Jesus Did Not Come Into The World For Perfect Or Powerful People.

If this were true, the news would have been given to the elite or in the courts of the religious rulers or the temple of the kings. Since this did not happen, it means that the Lord was coming for the rest of us; those of us who were deeply in need of a Savior.

The announcement of the birth and arrival of Jesus did not come to the powerful or the prefect but to a group of shepherds in a field watching over their flock. But don't be fooled, shepherds were despised by the good and respectable people of the day. They were considered thieves and unclean by societal laws.

This means that Jesus came for the meek, lowly and outcast. Said differently, Jesus showed up for you and me. This means that all of us can be a part of the Lord's story of redemption and glory. Although shepherds were considered outcast, they were important enough to God to be considered in his story.

1. It Reminds Me Of The Joy That Jesus Brings

There is a difference between joy and happiness. Happiness is based on what is or is not happening in your life. Joy finds its origins in Jesus; it has an internal relationship with Jesus Christ and it comes from Jesus.

The angel said to the shepherds that they came to preach the Good News that would bring them joy, which was that Jesus had been born. It was Good News back then and it's Good News today. No matter how happy I get about what I get for Christmas, I want the joy that Jesus brings because this joy is eternal and it never stops giving.

This joy does not only work in the good times, but it holds me through the tough times. No matter what condition I find myself, rather happy or sad, when I've got the Lord on my side, I've got Joy, unspeakable joy.

The joy of the Lord is wrapped up in a savior who can wash away our sorrows and forgive us of our sins. One day, he will save us from the power of sin eternally. He can even save us from ourselves.

1. It Reminds Me That Praise Is An Appropriate Response To Jesus' Birth

After the declaration of the birth of Jesus by one of the angels, a praise party broke out. From one angel speaking to the shepherds, suddenly there was a host of angels celebrating the birth.

A multitude of angels shows up to praise God because Jesus was born. The angels from the spiritual world invaded the natural world to praise God, because the Lord was born.

So now you know why I love the Christmas Story. It never gets old or cold and it never loses its power or its point.