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Luke 2:8-11, 16-18 (NIV)

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 of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. ¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

What do we know about Shepherds in the first century?

- They were not land owners.
- They grazed their sheep on someone else's property.
- They were poor and uneducated.
- They lived in tents as nomads.
- They were often dirty and lacked basic hygiene.
- They were thought to be dishonest and therefore were forbidden to give testimony in courts of law.
- They were not allowed in the temple because they were ritually unclean because they regularly came in contact with dead animals.

Two things we can learn from the Shepherds' story:

1. **Radical, Irrational** _____.

2. **God wanted to celebrate Christmas with those who had nothing else to**
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