

THE CHRISTMAS CALL IS A GIFT

The Call of Christmas

This Christmas we saw four instances of God sending Angels to visit people and give them some news. Let's look back at those people the Angels appeared to.

ZECHARIAH: THE CALL TO PREPARE

God wanted someone to let the people know His Son was coming. He chose John the Baptist.

Let's take a few moments today to just be silent. Let's follow the advice of the Psalmist and just "*Be still and know that He is God.*" (Psalm 46:10)

MARY: THE CALL TO PROVIDE

"I am the Lord's servant". (Luke 1:38 NIV)

In other words.... "*Here am I Lord...send me!*" (Isaiah 6:8)

JOSEPH: THE CALL TO PROTECT

The call interrupts. He's called to protect. The call changes everything.

SHEPHERDS: THE CALL TO PRAISE

This "Call of Christmas is making room for God in us.

Praise is expressing our respect and gratitude.

The calling was a gift not an interruption "Go see the baby" changed the shepherd's life. But the gift was not a one-time event. It is still a life-changing event.