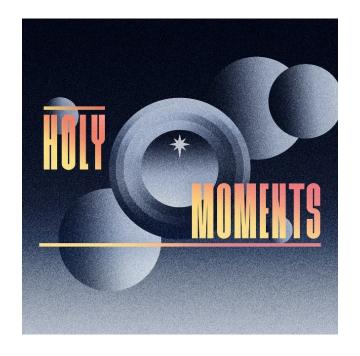
Holy Moments



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Part 3: A Moment of Boldness

	You never know how God might use	
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	to change someone's life.	

That night there were <u>shepherds</u> 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. (Luke 2:8-9)

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!" (Luke 2:9-11)

Who are these shepherds?

- Maybe Just ordinary shepherds.
- Maybe "shepherd priests" raising sheep for the Passover Sacrifice.

Four significant problems they would deal with ...

- They were outcasts.
- They were spiritually unclean.
- They weren't allowed to sell property or merchandise.
- They weren't allowed to testify in court.

They <u>hurried</u> to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the Baby, lying in the manger. (Luke 2:16)

After seeing Him, the shepherds <u>told everyone</u> what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. All who heard the shepherd's story were astonished. (Luke 2:17-18)

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If God could use a bunch of shepherds, imagine what He can do with you!