Luke 2:8-14 *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. [12] This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." [13] Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, [14] "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."*

****I love Martin Luther comments on this passage: "See what God did in heaven about this birth which the world despised and did not even see and know. The joy was so great that the angels could not say in heaven, but had to break out and tell man on earth. …What the world despised the angels honored. They would have had a much bigger celebration if God had allowed them, but he wished to teach us through his Son to despise the pomp of the world." (Martin Luther's Christmas Book pg. 38)

PRAYER: Lord God may I celebrate Jesus today and everyday. Not just during Christmas. Help me to remember that the angels celebrated God's gift to men and women and help me to celebrate Jesus by the way I live each day.

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