

## Finding Peace in Our Struggles

Luke 2:8-20

Rediscover Christmas

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This one Scripture, <sup>8</sup> *And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night*, describes many of us.

- **Living out** — just trying to make it.
- **In the fields** — not where you wanted to be.
- **Nearby** — close to something better but not quite there.
- **At night** — tired, worn, stretched thin.
- **Keeping watch** — doing what you can to hold things together.

Three Truths of Peace.

1. Peace \_\_\_\_\_ Arrives in the Most Unlikely Places.
2. Peace \_\_\_\_\_ Remove the Storm—It Redefines It.
3. Peace \_\_\_\_\_ a Feeling—It's a Person.

Luke 2:15

How do I find peace in difficult situations?

1. Name your storm.
2. Invite Jesus into that place.
3. Slow down long enough to notice God's nearness.
4. Move like the shepherds—take one step toward Him.

### Weekly Application Step - Write Your Struggle and Surrender It

This week, take a notecard and write down the one struggle that keeps rising in your mind. Then, every morning, pray: *"Lord, I give this to You again today."*

At the end of the week, reflect on how God met you.

## Questions for Further Study

1. The shepherds were “filled with fear” when God showed up. Why do you think God often meets us *in* fear rather than waiting until our fear fades?
2. The shepherds encountered God during the night shift. What does this tell us about how God speaks during dark or difficult seasons?
3. What kind of peace were the shepherds probably hoping for—and how was God’s peace different from their expectations?
4. The shepherds didn’t run away—they *hurried* toward Jesus. What does it look like to “move toward Jesus” in your own struggle this week?
5. The angels announced “Glory to God... and peace on earth.” What does this tell us about the connection between God’s glory and our peace?