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- The passage we studied in our Sunday Worship Services from Luke's Gospel (Luke 2:1-18) tells the story of angels bringing the message of Savior Jesus' birth to shepherds. Why do you suppose God sent the angels to shepherds rather than other, more prominent persons?
- Pastor Bill told us the shepherds "were in a place to hear from God." What was special about the "place" they were in? Consider your life and devotional practices. Where, when and how often are you in a place to hear from God? Try to explain your answers in detail.
- Pastor Bill also shared in his teaching, the shepherds "were willing to act on what God told them." What was the indication that the shepherds were willing to act on God's word to them? The shepherds had an angelic visitor provide them instructions. This seems inspiring to an easy "yes." Consider and explain your answers to the points below:  
What about other "words from God" to you when those words do not come from celestial messengers? How often are you moved to "yes" with God's instructions?  
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The Epistles to the Church?
  - The Character of godly men and women taught in the Pastoral Epistles?
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