

# EMBERS FROM MY FIRE

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## SHARING YOUR OWN GOOD NEWS

The Christmas story involves many characters, each of whom have their own unique story of God's activity in their lives:

- An elderly childless couple serving at the Temple in Jerusalem.
- A young unmarried couple discovers they are miraculously pregnant.
- Shepherds at their jobs late at night visited by supernatural beings.
- A peasant family with a newborn baby expeditiously nestled in a cattle trough.
- Persian mystics visiting the powerful King Herod as they follow an astrological wonder to a small village in the hill country of Judea.

There is so much more it can only be briefly mentioned here: Political intrigue, narrow escapes, heinous murders, arduous journeys, taxes, acute temporary neurological impairment, the sounds and smells of sheep, dreams and visions, angelic singing, luxurious gifts, no vacancy at the motel, Scriptures fulfilled, the physiological challenges of pregnancy, tears, fears, prayers, doubts, joys, worship, love, hope, and a Saviour sent from God to rescue the whole world.

It is such a powerful story! Amazingly the central personalities are average folk who would typically receive no special notice. This is God's way. He loves to pour out His grace on the weak, the humble, the

average people of the world. God's desire is that each of us follow the example of the humble peasant woman Mary by becoming a servant of the Lord in our own unique circumstance.

Thank God that the characters involved in the incarnational birth of Christ shared their stories with others. If they had kept God's grace to themselves we would not know today the wonderful Good News of God employing the ordinary in His great plan of salvation.

Please reflect anew on how God has brought the Good News of great joy into your life. Through your family, job, worship, travels, confusion, tears, fears, dreams, and joys, how has God shown you mercy?

These are stories that are meant to be shared with family, friends, and even acquaintances. Everyone needs to be encouraged that God is marvelously at work in even the commonplace aspects of our lives. We need to be encouraged to know that the Good News of great joy is for everyone at all times.

I want to challenge each of you to invite others to a new life infused with the grace of God. It happens differently for everyone. You never know what one small seed of Good News, one intentional invitation to worship, one act of kindness, or one small prayer may impact another life with heavenly glory.

May the constant presence of God fill you with a new wonder and hope this Christmas!

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