

WELCOME TO HAVEN — 3rd WEEK OF ADVENT

December 17, 2023

Welcome

Worship Songs

“Graves Into Gardens”

“O Holy Night”

Advent Moment

Prayer

Scripture for Today

Luke 2:8-11; 16-18 (NLT)

Message

“Holy Hesitation”

Jack D. Cohen

Offering/Worship Song

“Lord, I Need You”

*Closing

Sacred Moments

SACRED MOMENTS

HOLY HESITATION

- Life is not measured by _____...Life is measured in _____

WHY DO WE HESITATE?

- 1) Lack of _____
- 2) Fear of _____
- 3) Fear of _____

- You never know how God might use one moment of _____ to change someone's life

*"That night there were **shepherds** 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. 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. ¹¹The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David!""*
– Luke 2:8-11 (NLT)

THE PROBLEM WITH SHEPHERDS

- The Shepherds were _____

"They were terrified, but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!"" – Luke 2:9 (NLT)

- Shepherds felt _____ from God

- They felt _____
- They felt _____
- They felt _____

THE RESPONSE OF SHEPHERDS

- Shepherds responded with _____ urgency

"They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. After seeing him,
– Luke 2:16-18 (NLT)

- Shepherds responded with _____ urgency

"After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. All who heard the shepherds' story were astonished..."
– Luke 2:16-18 (NLT)

HOW DO WE EMBRACE THE URGENCY OF THE GOOD NEWS?

- Remember many people feel _____, _____ & _____

- God often chooses the _____ to do the _____

"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 2:8-11 (NLT)

"For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him...We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are."
– Romans 3:20-22 (NLT)