

A script from



## **“The Other Shepherd”**

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- What** This monologue takes a fictional look at the story of a shepherd who was there when the angels proclaimed the birth of Christ, yet chose to stay behind rather than see the Savior. **Themes:** Christmas, Follow, Surrender, Fear, Christ
- Who** Benjamin
- When** Present
- Wear (Props)** Modern Clothes
- Why** Luke 2:8-20
- How** Everything about this monologue must appear natural. DO NOT wear shepherds clothes or carry a staff while performing the monologue. The character must seem believable in a modern context.
- Time** Approximately 4-5 minutes

**BENJAMIN:** Hey, the name's Benjamin, you can call me Ben, and I've been asked to tell you my story. It's not the happiest of stories, in fact, it makes me kick myself every time I tell it. But I felt like it was important to share with you as a sort of cautionary tale, I guess. You see I was there that night many, many, years ago. Now, what night is the interesting part, but rather than telling you, I think I'll let you figure it out. Makes it more dramatic that way I think.

You see it started off like any other night. It was dark, but the moon and stars were so bright you could still see a good distance in front of you. Man, I used to love to just lay down in the grass and stare up at those stars and just...feel small...you know?

Anyway, on that particular night I was with a group of guys tending the sheep. We were all sitting by the fire telling stories, cooking dinner...you know how it goes. When out of nowhere this bright light appeared, and it had a face...which was a first for me. So I jumped up, grabbed my staff and knife and was ready for a showdown. *(Beat)* Which looking back seems crazy. I mean, what was I doing? Did I really think I was going to win that fight? But anyway, out of nowhere the thing spoke. This deep, rich voice that nearly knocked me off my feet. And it told us not to be afraid...which is all well and good when you read about it later but in the moment it's like, "How am I not going to be afraid? You are a light and you are talking...that's scary."

Anyway, it told us that the Savior had been born in Bethlehem and that He would be wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger. And here I am thinking, "Wait a sec, the Savior, the Christ, the Lord is going to be in a manger? A manger where dirty animals eat?" And I know they're dirty because I'm a shepherd and I've seen them eat. They're disgusting. All this was running through my head when a whole army of angels appeared and filled the sky with the most intense light you've ever seen. It was like the stars had fallen on earth and were praising God right in front of us. It was amazing. There's no other word for it. Absolutely amazing.

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**ENDING:**

I could have been a part of the greatest event in the history of man, but I was too scared to follow. Christ was right there and I had a

desire to see Him, I did...but I just didn't have the faith to go through with it.

*(Long pause)* So what's my warning? What are the wise words I have for you? Don't miss the call of Christ like I did that night. Don't get so caught up in everything else in your life that you miss the point of it all. Because just like He called me, He's calling you. And He wants you to follow Him. How are you going to respond? Will you follow Him?

*Lights out.*