







Like a Lead Balloon

Lead is a naturally occurring element found in small amounts all around the earth.

Heavy Metal Low melting point and is very malleable, and dense

Highly durable and resistant to corrosion

It has many applications

While it has some beneficial uses, it can be very toxic





Leadership

Leadership can occur naturally but is found in small amounts can be found all over the world but can be heavy

Hold their ground

Adaptable to situations And we want them to be

Durable applicable

And while leaders are sought after, leadership in the wrong hands can be toxic (*Matthew 2:7-8*)





Toxic Leadership

King Herod had no interest in worshiping the newborn king

He only wanted to remain in power

As we saw last week, he wants kill Jesus and will do whatever it takes

Fortunately, Herod is not the only example of a "Christmas Leadership"



Finding Faith in Christmas

*The Bells Still Ring for
All Who Truly Believe*





Mary - Available

“I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.

Luke 1:38

When God went looking for his chosen mom to raise His son Mary was his choice

God did not force Mary into this role

Mary humbly accepted the responsibility





Mary - Available

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Luke 1:38

Was she a leader?

Her life screams of leadership qualities

But before any of them could be part of God's plan she had to make herself available to God's purpose




Joseph - Faithful

This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband **was faithful to the law**, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

Matthew 1:18-19





Joseph - Faithful

Did he struggle with God's plan?

The important thing is that he stuck with God through it all

Every time God said do this, that is what Joseph did

Leadership does not always mean barking commands, sometimes it means following instructions





The Shepherd's – Listened

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

Luke 2:15-16

**They honed their skills not in a classroom
but in a meadow (Jeremiah 3:15)**





The Shepherd's – Listened

He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

Isaiah 40:11

**How did these men know what to do
for sheep, simple they spoke sheep**

**They knew their sheep and their
sheep knew them**





The Shepherd's – Listened

***The shepherds returned,
glorifying and praising God
for all the things they had
heard and seen, which
were just as they had been
told.***

Luke 2:20





The Magi – Paid Attention

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

Matthew 2:1-2





The Magi – Paid Attention

These journeymen began their quest because of a star

But let us remember not everybody saw it

They arrive at Jesus, is he what they expected, unsure but they honored him in worship

They paid attention to the dream from God and headed home ensuring the child's safety





Jesus the Servant Leader

A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. And he said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves.

Luke 22:24-27





Jesus the Servant Leader

If you want to see Godly leadership, it was there lying in a manger (*Philippians 2:6*)

However, Jesus focused on a different kind of leadership as he chose to be a servant leader

To be a servant leader he had to incorporate all the other attributes:

**Available, Faithful, Listen
and Pay Attention**





Jesus had to be Sacrificial

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Philippians 2:8

And through his sacrifice we are healed. (1 Peter 2:23-24)



Will you follow His Leadership

