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Let Loose

“The shepherders returned and let loose, glorifying and praising God for everything they had heard and seen. It turned out exactly the way they’d been told!” -- Luke 2:20 (MSG)

In five days, Christians around the world will celebrate the greatest gift of all! The day that God took on flesh and blood to live among us. The birth of Jesus. The day that God fulfilled the prophecy that a Messiah would come. The day that begins an opportunity for us to enter or re-enter into a relationship with the Creator of the Universe.

The gospel of John begins by declaring this truth, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made” (John 1:1-3). Who is “the Word” John writes of? He is God, and John continues to write that “...the Word (God) became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth” (John 1:14).

So as we prepare and anticipate the coming of a new baseball season, let us commit this week to put all of this and other matters aside. And instead, during this final week before Christmas, let us take time each day and press into the gift of Jesus.

Let us commit to be do what was recorded in Luke and be like Mary, the mother Jesus; “...*treasuring up all these things in her heart and meditating on them.*” (Luke 2:19) and then like the Shepherds; “*let loose, glorifying and praising God for everything they had heard and seen.*” (Luke 2:20).

Question: Are you spending time to “be still” and know that He is God?

Challenge: Read Isaiah 40:3-5 and Luke 2. Spend some quiet time each day during this Christmas season and listen to what God places in your heart. Rejoice, pray, and give thanks always in everything.

Prayer: Thank you for the opportunity to build a Christ-centered legacy not only on the ballfield with my team, but also on my campus, and in my family! Grant me the wisdom and persistence to build-in time during my day to hear from you. Amen.

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