

Message from God's Life-Giving Word

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Vintage Christmas

Who do you most identify with in the Christmas story?

Notes on King Herod and Matthew 2:

In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:4-5

What will your story be in relationship to the Light of the World?

Next Steps

1. Journal the following: What are some ways you connect with your heavenly Father during the Christmas season? Why are those ways helpful for you? What are some things that cause people to drift away from God and the church? Write about a time when you felt distant from God. What were some of the factors that caused you to feel disconnected?
 2. Read John 1:1-14. In what ways are you tempted to focus on building your own kingdom instead of participating in God's Kingdom? What will your narrative be in relation to the Light of the world? Do you normally cling to what you cannot keep or surrender what was not yours to begin with? Do you regularly follow your way or His way? There is good news: the darkness has not put out the Light of life for you.
 3. No matter where you are in your walk of faith, we all struggle with drifting away from God's plan and purposes. What is one thing you can do this week to engage or reengage with Jesus?
- REMEMBER:** *Your time in daily devotion and prayer is not just for your benefit. It is also for the benefit of others. Share what God is teaching you.*