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## THE CAST OF CHRISTMAS

## Shepherds: Hope & Joy *"A season of expectation & celebration"*

- I. Desperate for <u>Joy</u>
  - A. Time, money & energy into something that doesn't last
  - B. The case for diminishing returns
- II. The <u>Reason</u> for Hope, The Foundation of Joy
  - A. Luke 2:8-12
  - B. Jesus is the foundation of true & lasting joy
- III. Embracing the Hope & Joy That Have Been Given
  - A. Philippians 4:4,5
  - B. <u>Choosing</u> to rejoice results in experiencing joy
- IV. Hope & Joy That Cannot Be Taken Away
  - A. Romans 8:28
  - B. Either God sent it or He will use it
- V. Don't Settle For Anything Less
  - A. Psalm 51:3,4,12; Psalm 19:8
  - B. Joy is <u>stolen</u> when we loose sight of the purpose of Jesus' arrival here on earth
  - C. John 8:36