

## Advent(ure) - Grace for the Adventure

- John 1:4,5
- Isaiah 9:2

## What does it mean for Jesus to be our "light"?

- Light Offers Direction.
- Light Offers Protection.

When we go through seasons of anxiety and bitterness, we are vulnerable to predators.

• Luke 2:8-14

## The Shepherds.

Bitterness is addictive, and holding onto bitterness is like swallowing poison and hoping the other person gets sick.

• Luke 2:16-18

## **Trading Away Bitterness.**

Advent can be an Adventure that helps us trade away bitterness and can give us grace for the journey!

Bitterness gets me to reduce a person who has wronged me to the sum total of what they've done to me.

Christmas shows me that the person I am bitter toward is the beloved recipient of God's peace, good will, and favor, just like me.

Forgiving isn't about what you feel, it's about what you choose.

- Ephesians 4:31,32
- Isaiah 61:3