

Week 8



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GRISWOLDS**

“A Not So Perfect Christmas”

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Christmas can feel chaotic, busy, and overwhelming

God's grace entered the story first—not perfection.

Let go of distractions, let go of pressure, and thank God for His grace.

Christmas isn't about perfection; it's about remembering God's **grace** in our lives.

Jesus Shows Up in the Mess

The first Christmas was messy: no perfect timing, no perfect setting, no perfect plan.

Yet God chose to move there.

Jesus meets us in our chaos, noise, and not-so-perfect moments.

Jesus meets us in our **mess**, chaos, and imperfect moments.

Todd & Margo — Impact Without Expectation

Todd and Margo didn't ask for the lights.

They were blinded, annoyed, irritated—but they couldn't ignore the light.

Sometimes people are impacted by God through us—even if they didn't ask.

People can be impacted by God through your **light**, even if they didn't ask.

Shepherds — Ordinary People, and sometimes even outcasts but still an Extraordinary Impact

Luke 2:8–10 (NLT) “That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby... Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared... ‘I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people.’”

Shepherds were ordinary, overlooked people. God chose them to deliver the message of hope.

They didn’t stay quiet—they ran and told everyone.

God can use ordinary people to deliver extraordinary hope

Shine Your Light

Matthew 5:16 (NLT) “You are the light of the world... let your good deeds shine out for all to see.”

You don’t need all the answers. You don’t need a sermon. You just need to let Jesus be seen through you.

Let Jesus be seen through your **life** and actions.

Be the Light to Your World

Some will never open a Bible, but they watch your life.

Some won’t come to church alone, but they might come with you.

Some don’t need another argument—they need an invitation.

People may need your **invitation** more than anything else.

Your Challenge

Invite your neighbor, coworker, friend, family member—even your enemy.

Shine in your workplace, your home, your community.

You may be the only **light** someone ever sees.

You don’t need a perfect Christmas. You just need a perfect Savior.

Let your life reflect His grace, hope, and love—because others are watching.

Talk It Over Questions

Where can you shine your light this week?

Who around you needs to see Jesus through your actions, words, or attitude—even if they aren’t expecting it?

How can your family reflect God’s light together?

Are there small, everyday opportunities to show grace, hope, or love that your kids, spouse, or relatives can see and follow?

What “not perfect” moments could become God’s opportunities?

Think about a messy, chaotic, or stressful situation—how could you let Jesus be seen through your response instead of trying to fix everything perfectly?