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## PASS IT ON

Text: Luke 2:8-20

If you'll look for Christ everywhere, you'll find him everywhere.

I believe that God wants us to approach not only Christmas, but the coming year with a pass it on mindset.

There are three things I want to say about it, to encourage you and inspire you to try it yourself.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ can do it.

The first human voices to proclaim the birth of Christ were what we would call today "*lower class*." And yet, they were considered worthy of the task.

God uses ordinary people.

Many people define themselves with "just."

The answer is that the more ordinary you are, the more extraordinarily he can use you. He can use anyone.

2. Tell \_\_\_\_\_ what you have seen and heard and experienced.

In order to be effective as a Christian, you need to approach it from the same direction. Tell what you know. Tell what you've seen. Tell what you've experienced.

*Legalism will and does separate the church from its mission. The lost cannot see unless someone loves them and shows them the way. Ref: John 9:25*

As often as you have opportunity, tell the people you're with something good about God -- something good that he has done in your life or in the life of someone you know. Ref: Isaiah 63:7

God can use ordinary you in an extraordinary way when you're willing to tell others what you have seen and heard and experienced in your relationship with him.

3. It only takes a \_\_\_\_\_.

It only takes a spark for God to use an ordinary person like you in an extraordinary way.

I want us to learn to pass it on -- to say something good about God at every opportunity, to inject a word of encouragement or hope in every conversation, so that God can take our ordinary lives and use them in an extraordinary way.