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the special call of special needs

Those who celebrated the first Christmas covered a spectrum of witnesses from all walks of God's living creation: Joseph, the elderly Jewish man with doubts; young Mary, so trusting in God's providence; prestigious Oriental kings; simple, local shepherds; lowly animals; and, a host of heavenly angels, all singing His praises. They gathered for one essential reason: to greet Jesus Christ Himself, "God before the Ages," who chose to become a humble child for us.

Everyone was welcome to see Him, and everyone still is: rich, poor, young, old, weathered and worn, or shining with heavenly glory. Our families do not have to look like magazine models in matching holiday pajamas to be happy, and we need not behave perfectly 24/7 to receive His peace. Our only requirement is to make Him our main destination. Refuse to let others' misunderstandings about disabilities be a road block on your way to Bethlehem. Disregard such false barriers. Leave by the wayside the temptation that a family has to look, act, or meet physiological prerequisites to be a vital part of a church community. Come as you are, come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!