



# DAILY MOMENTS

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### DAY FIFTEEN: "Nativity, Nativity, Nativity"

*"...behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.  
Luke 2:10-11*

Last night Shirley and I were shepherds in our live Nativity scene. Four times we strolled to gather around the fire and then went, "with haste" to Bethlehem to worship the babe. This morning we celebrated the Nativity again as our children walked us through the story of the Nativity "Through the Eyes of a Child." And then, finally, tonight Shirley and I went to Pleasant Garden to see our grandchildren sing us through the Nativity scene once more.

It wasn't overkill. It wasn't "Oh no, not that story gain!" Each experience was new. Each carried its own special meaning. Last night, as the smoke filled our eyes and the cold seeped through our costumes, we were able to feel and smell something of what may have happened at the original Nativity. As we listened to the story and tried to respond to the different parts of the story, our thoughts traveled back to what that time might have meant.

This morning, as we celebrated a Love Feast, we heard our children trace the Nativity story through their own eyes... the eyes of a child. It brought a new perspective... as we saw photos of our own children acting out the Nativity story. Another element to this telling was the fast-forwarding from the Nativity scene to the outcome of that birth which brought the love of God into the world to actually experience that love through the celebration of a love feast of God in Jesus Christ. What a very special morning we shared today.

Finally, Shirley and I saw our own grandchildren doing the same thing as they acted out and sang of the birth of Jesus. The story never gets old – just better – deeper – more fulfilling. May this story bring you the gift you need this Christmas season – the gift of Jesus.

#### *Prayer:*

*Dear God, help me to never get tired of hearing the story of Jesus' birth. Especially as I remember He was born for my salvation. Come, Lord Jesus, Come. Amen.*

*- - Steve Martin*