

Road to Bethlehem: Learning To Trust

¹"In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ²(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³And everyone went to their own town to register. ⁴So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷and she gave birth to her firstborn, a Son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed Him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them." Luke 2:1-7

I. Trust God's PLAN when you hit a detour. Luke 2:1-3

- God's detours are often PATHWAYS to His PROMISES.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding." Proverbs 3:5 (NIV)

Remember: Trusting God's plan requires OBEDIENCE not understanding.

II. Trust God's PRESENCE when the road gets bumpy. Luke 2:4-5

- God may not remove every HARDSHIP, but He never ABANDONS His children.

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9 (NKJV)

Remember: Trusting God's presence provides PEACE not explanations.

III. Trust God's PURPOSE when you can't see the outcome. Luke 2:6-7

"And those who know Your name put their trust in You; for You, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You." Psalm 9:10 (NKJV)

- If God has a PLAN and His PRESENCE is with us, we can trust Him with our FUTURE.

Remember: Trusting God's purpose, often means moving into the UNKNOWN.

Let's make this Personal

- What road are you currently traveling that requires trust?
- In what area of life are you tempted to worry instead of trust?
- Do I expect explanations from God, before I'll obey Him?
- Do I trust God even when I don't understand?