

## Message Notes 12/7/25

### The Journey - Week 2

- What do we do when God interrupts the story we were busy writing?
- What happens when we want control, but God wants trust?
- “People don’t just want coffee. They want a replicable experience.”- Howard Schultz
- Interruptions in our Journey.....
  - Redirect destiny
  - Expose Calling
  - Challenge comfort
  - Create miracles
- Luke 2:8-20 (NLT)
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- Luke 2:9 (NLT) **Suddenly**, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord’s glory surrounded them.
- “Some people can be so disoriented to God that when he begins to work around them, they actually become annoyed at the interruption!” - Henry Blackaby
- God is working in the **unexpected**.
- “Distraction is not the same as divine interruption. Jesus seemed to be entirely “indistractable” on the one hand but imminently interruptible on the other.” – JD Greer
- Luke 2:9-10 (NLT) They were **terrified**, but the angel reassured them. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I bring you **good news** that will bring great joy to **all people**.”

- God is working in the **unsettling**.
- Luke 2:11-12 (NLT) The **Savior**—yes, the **Messiah**, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a **manger**.”
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- Luke 2:15 (NLT) When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, “**Let’s go** to Bethlehem! Let’s see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

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- Luke 2:17 (NLT) After seeing him, the shepherds **told everyone** what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child.
- Luke 2:18 (NLT) All who heard the shepherds’ story were **astonished**,
- Luke 2:20 (NLT) The shepherds went back to their flocks, **glorifying and praising God** for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them."

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- Leave Room
- “God, interrupt whatever I am doing so that I can join you in what You are doing!” - Francis Chan

- Be Available
- Be Willing to Adjust
- “We must be willing to allow ourselves to be interrupted by God. God will constantly cross our paths and cancel our plans by sending us people with claims and petitions. We may pass them by, preoccupied with more important tasks...when we do that, we pass by the visible sign of the cross raised in our path to show us that not our way, but God’s way must be done.” - Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Life Together

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