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“The Miracle “There”

Text: Luke 2:4-6 NLT

4 “And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David’s ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. 5 He took with him Mary, his fiancée, who was now obviously pregnant.6 And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born.” (Lk. 2:4-6 NLT, underline added).

Introduction: There is a miracle in *getting to the “there”* of God’s divine purpose. The journey toward His promise often involves people, places, and seasons that feel uncomfortable. Yet when we know we are walking in divine purpose—even in an uncomfortable season, it changes how we interpret the struggle. Luke tells us that Mary and Joseph were traveling in one of the most inconvenient, uncertain, and even risky moments of their lives. What they knew and what they focused on did not remove the discomfort but reframed it. Their journey wasn’t easy, but it was God-ordained. Their discomfort was not a sign that God was absent; it was the very place where God was working most profoundly.

“**There**” means: “in that place.” “There” anchors the scene *geographically* in **Bethlehem**, which is essential for Luke’s fulfillment of prophecy (Micah 5:2—that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem). By stressing “**there**,” Luke emphasizes that it was **precisely in Bethlehem**—not Nazareth, not en route, not in any other town—that the appointed time arrived for Jesus’ birth. This highlights the divine orchestration of events leading the holy family to the exact prophesied place.

Moving into the “divine there” include several implications and applications:

**1. Purpose doesn’t remove discomfort—it reframes it.**

- Mary and Joseph’s 80–90 mile journey (5–7 days) from Nazareth to Bethlehem was long, exhausting, and especially painful for a woman late in pregnancy.
- The difficulty didn’t mean they were outside God’s will—it gave context to God’s purpose unfolding through their obedience.

**2. God works powerfully in uncomfortable, undesirable conditions.**

- Their path moved from the plains of Galilee through the Jordan Valley and up steep, rugged Judean hills—terrain that was harsh, cold, and physically demanding.
- God brought forth His greatest miracle not after the hard season, but *in the middle of it*.

**3. Obedience in challenging seasons positions us for God’s bigger plan.**

- The road included known danger—especially the ascent from Jericho, notorious for bandits and robbery—yet their faithfulness placed them exactly where prophecy required.
- Our willingness to trust God through uncomfortable, risky seasons aligns us with purposes bigger than ourselves.

Note: Trust God through it all, you will get “there.”

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