



God Still with Us Ben Foote Dec 14th, 2025

// **Bible References:** Matt 1:20,23; 2:1-5, 7-8, 13-16, 19-21; Phil 2:5-8;

// **Community Question:** What is your favorite Christmas song and why? (Bonus...sing a few lines from it!)

// **Discussion Questions**

1. Ben describes the Christmas story as a five-to-six-year journey filled with insecurity, displacement, and fear, rather than just a single peaceful night. How does this perspective change your understanding of Mary and Joseph's experience?
2. Ben suggests that Joseph found strength each day by reminding himself that 'God is with us.' What daily practices help you remember and experience God's presence in your life?
3. Ben describes God kneeling at our bedside during our most honest nighttime prayers. How does this image of an intimately present God contrast with other ways people might view God? What prevents you from being completely honest with God in your prayers?
4. **Going Deeper:** Read Philippians 2:5-8. We see Jesus enter the world through humility and weakness, not control and power. Where do you feel tempted to believe God is absent because life feels messy, unfair, or unimpressive? What would it look like to invite Him into that space this week?

// **Challenge:** Ben mentioned that God whispers to our heart that He is real and He loves us. How does this knowledge affect our relationship with Him? How might this knowledge affect the way we live this week?