

**THE ROAD HOME PART II**  
**“GOOD NEWS FOR ALL PEOPLE”**  
**LUKE 2; MATTHEW 1 & 2**  
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### INTRODUCTION

- The first Christmas was a struggle that doesn't look much like "Once Upon a Time."
- Joseph and Mary both had to choose a road.
- There are moments in our lives that we question God.
- Do we question God inside of Faith?
- Or do we question God outside of Faith?

### I. IT CAME TO PASS // IT HAPPENED

- Mary's life is interrupted and she has to make a choice.
- Luke 1:26-33, "...God sent the angel Gabriel...<sup>27</sup> to a virgin named Mary...engaged to be married to... Joseph...and said, '... The Lord is with you!' ... 'Don't be afraid, Mary,' ...<sup>31</sup> You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus..."
- Joseph has much to fear, he wants to divorce Mary.
- Matthew 1:18-21 "...<sup>19</sup> Joseph, to whom she was engaged...decided to break the engagement quietly... an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. 'Joseph...do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit..."
- Whenever we hear "Don't Be Afraid..." it usually means there is something to be afraid of!!!
- Wonder is the gateway to encountering and experiencing God and the supernatural.

### II. THE DESTINATION...IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK

- We aren't usually going where we thought we were when God is allowed to lead us.
- Do we question God inside of Faith?
- Or do we question God outside of Faith?
- Questioning God without anticipation or hope leaves little space for us to see Him move in our doubt.
- Questioning God with anticipation and expectation creates the possibility even in the presence of doubt.

### III. AND IF THE ANGELS WEREN'T ENOUGH...

#### CONFIRMATION

- Do we create space to hear from God?
- When we have supernatural moments, do we keep the eyes of our heart open, hopeful?
- Don't quit and don't give up.
- Shepherds came with a great reminder.
- If the angels weren't enough, a huge caravan arrives sometime after Jesus is born bringing gifts for a king - Matthew 2:1-4

#### CLOSE

- Luke 2:8-14, "...an angel of the Lord appeared... 'Don't be afraid!' he said. 'I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. <sup>11</sup> The Savior...has been born today..."
- Jesus changed all things for all people for all time.
- **Don't Be Afraid.**
- The road home for God started here on earth with us. He decided to become like us that we might long to be like Him.
- **Are We Good News?**