

The Birthing of the Lord's Second Coming

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Brian Guerin's sermon explores the parallels between the birth of Jesus and the signs of His imminent second coming, emphasizing humility and the transformative power of God's Word.

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Description

Brian Guerin delivers a powerful sermon titled 'The Birthing of the Lord's Second Coming,' emphasizing the parallels between Christ's first and second comings. He highlights the importance of finding one's 'there' in God's plan, starting family, and remaining steadfast in faith, while also wrapping the Lord in love and humility. Guerin encourages believers to embrace lowliness and humility, as the Lord will rest in those who are willing to be overlooked and serve others. He stresses that the glory of God will manifest through humble vessels, and that the local church will play a crucial role in the coming revival. Ultimately, the sermon calls for a return to genuine worship and service to God, ensuring that He receives all the glory.

Transcript

Like never before, and I'm just excited, we'll be in Luke chapter two to bring the word of God to you all. I do want to share a dream that I had, I believe will hopefully apply to some of you guys, you know, that God will speak through prophetic dreams often. Actually just, I took a power nap today, I love those, right before I get a little exercise in and before ministering this evening that we'll have releasing, it should be live to you now, Christmas Eve morning with your family and your PJs, drinking coffee, and again, hopefully just loving Jesus.

But the dream was simple, again, just hope it applies with some and would bless you guys, but what I could see in the dream was a Scrabble board. We actually have one at home, it's funny, me and my children play Monopoly, though a little bit more when we can, we need to play Scrabble, but you know, the word game. But it was vertical, all the words were being built out vertically, which I believe is the word of the Lord to someone and to you guys.

And right when I saw it in the dream, I heard a good story. And so there's something to do with a good story the Lord's building in your life, and it may be a literal connection to somebody that just played Scrabble or has the game or enjoys it, I don't know, but it wasn't your typical horizontal and vertical, they were all being built out in different ways vertically, which again, I believe speaks of the heavenly call and

the word of God. And I'm excited to jump into the word of the Lord would be today with you guys.

And we'll just speak that over you that I believe there's a prophetic kind of implication of God's voice to you. And it's a good story he's building and I think just like the game, you don't always know until certain words come in that it can now make another one and just wanna encourage you guys sometimes that it just takes patience and time. And that's funny, that's one of the main points I'm gonna hit tonight, as we look at the birth of the Lord out of Luke two.

But I think sometimes it just takes time for destiny to unfold. And I think the Lord won't encourage some of you guys that it's going to be a good story. It's gonna be a good story, what he's got planned out for you and to let those words begin to formulate and unfold by him, from him to you and through you.

And that'll be good. So we'll pray, we'll be in Luke two and I'm just really excited. Hope it blesses you guys and it's been rocking me as well and it'll be good.

So Lord, thank you so much for this time together. Just right out of the gate, I bless each and everyone listening. I bless you in the name of the Lord.

God, I ask for your manifest presence to come into their homes worldwide. I ask that you would go ahead and heal bodies by your blood. Lord, thank you that your word went forth and healed them.

Thank you that your presence is there to heal them, be healed in your bodies. And I pray most of all, Lord, that you would tenderize our heart to receive the seed of your word. Transform us, I pray.

I pray you'd help us fall more in love with you, know you more, and most of all be glorified, be pleased. We love you in Jesus' name, amen. Awesome, so I'm gonna read Luke chapter two, starting in verse one through 19.

Good bit of reading, but then we'll jump straight in. I have a bunch of notes here and we'll talk to you from my heart, but I'm just really excited, man, and just feeling a fresh stirring of what we're heading into, even into this new year, into 24 and 25. And I think we're really coming into the culmination of things from promises many years ago.

I was just on the phone earlier with a dear friend of the house, and a friend of mine, Paul Keith Davis, many of you know, and he was saying similar, just feeling something on the horizon and just expectant and grateful. But listen here, we're in the New King James, verse one, and it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This census first took place with Quirinius, I think I'd call him Qui for short, I think his nickname if he was my partner would be Qui.

Quirinius was governing Syria, verse three, and he was the governor of the cities who all went to be registered, everyone to his own city. Joseph also went up from Galilee out of the city of Nazareth into Judea to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child, verse six. So it was that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered.

and she brought forth her firstborn son, capital S. Thank you, Jesus. Thank you, Lord. And wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

Verse eight, and I wanna encourage you guys, just receive the word of God, it's supernatural. I'm so thankful for the word of God. May it wash you.

I'll start getting off on the whole thing on the word of God, but it's so powerful, alive. It cuts through sharper than any two-edged sword and it transforms us, it resets our soul. But verse eight, now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them and the glory of the Lord shone around them. Angel before, glory around. And they were greatly afraid.

Then the angel said to them, do not be afraid for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David, a savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you.

You will find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel, a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace, goodwill toward men. So it was, verse 15, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us.

And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the babe, capital B, lying in a manger, verse 17. Now, when they had seen him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds, but Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.

Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen and as it was told to them. So, I'm actually gonna be hitting 11 points, kind of an exhortation first, and then 11 points that I'm calling this the birthing of the Lord's second coming. So, kind of a unique lens into it, but I couldn't see it any other way this year.

I pulled from, I wanna say it was Luke one into Luke two last year and hit it from a different angle, but the Lord's return is so near and I see such a parallel often in scripture from his first coming to his second. And I believe we're gonna see many things repeat themselves from a broad overview, but also I would hope this message and I wanna deliver it in a way that we can apply it personally. I always try to do that.

Apply the word of God to me personally and then corporately, I think you'll see a lot apply as well. So, a parallel look, the birthing of the Lord's second coming, using the Lord's first coming, his birth, to kind of do a reflected image of some similarities and parallels. We're gonna see markers, if you will, signs that will also indicate how near we are and point to his second coming and final coming.

And in there, 11 points too, that we can apply personally in Jesus' name and that we can see corporately also to the church, the body of Christ and things like this. But first, a quick exhortation. This isn't quite to the 11 points and then I'll pray at the end.

Pray the Lord bless you today. I really pray that you'd fall more in love with Jesus. May his word go deep within your heart.

I pray even if you have family members there watching in town, that the glory of the Lord will be manifest amongst you, that you'd sense his tangible presence and his nearness and conviction of heart. There's

whole things about Jesus and knowing him, you know, that more and more by the day and especially going into a new year, we would get our priorities right. And it's to love Jesus, know him, be in his word, that he may get glory.

So with this first exhortation, I wanna point out as it says in verse one, and it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. First off, I just wanna highlight the difference because I think the Lord's looking for a Jesus type people that are in the image of God and look like him. And I wanna just kind of expound on the stark difference of mankind and our tendencies in leadership and governance versus the Lord.

It looks vastly different. And I pray you and I as believers, and if you're not a believer, you must be born again. But to those of you that are children of God are listening to this, that we would go the Jesus way.

He's the way, he's the truth, he's the life. And his model of rulership and of his means of governing, it's polar opposite. And so all you have to do is do a little historical dig on Caesar Augustus, digging into history or many others.

And you can see polar opposites. And I just wanna use that because I think it's interesting that the gospel of Luke in the context of the son of God being born, he brings a leader into it. And even the world of that day being registered and all these similarities we'll get into in a second.

Then I think we're gonna see come back around again before the Lord comes again, his second coming. So this is his first one. I think many of these indicators are gonna repeat themselves and are coming close to come back on the forefront that will match the day of his second coming.

So anyway, but Caesar Augustus, he reigned from like 27 AD to, sorry, BC to 14 AD. And then Tiberius, his successor, just a quick little fun history lesson from it, reigned after him. And we know the Bible says that John the Baptist started his ministry in the 15th year of Tiberius.

So you had Caesar Augustus, he reigned till his death up to 14 AD. And so let's say the Lord's around 14 years old. And then you had 15 years of Tiberius's reign when John the Baptist came on the scene, and that's about 29 years.

Jesus started his ministry around 30 years, we know. So just interesting to do kind of the history timeline. But Caesar Augustus, he was the first one to start the Roman Empire, the emperor, and did not lack confidence to say the least.

We'll just put it that way kindly. And look, I have even, one of his famous quotes is before he passed on is, I found a Rome of bricks, I leave to you one of marble. Meaning, he's quite proud of his accomplishments, his abilities, and where I'm getting at is this is what we wanna run from as leaders that the Lord is raising up in the body of Christ, also in families, as parents.

And you're always leading somebody. If you're a disciple, you're discipling somebody. There's always somebody watching and following.

And may we run the Jesus way. So Caesar Augustus, who Luke two mentions, very, from what history shows, proud of himself. And so that's one famous quote.

Also, I love this, listen to this. He actually wrote an autobiography on himself called The Deeds of the Divine Augustus. If that tells you a little bit about his posture on life, he literally wrote an autobiography, which first off, Jesus people, they don't even do that.

They let other people write books about themselves. But writes something on himself and titles it The Deeds of the Divine Augustus. And he named the month of August after himself because he knew that Julius Caesar named July after himself.

And so it's just really about himself. And listen, Augustus too, listen to what it means. Exalted, increased, great, magnificent, and even illustrious.

This is who we're talking about. But I love that Luke brought him into the picture because here comes the king of the world, king of kings, Lord of lords, creator of all of heaven and earth. And he becomes, he comes word made flesh born of a virgin.

And when he comes on the scene, you've got the world ruler, world leader in Caesar Augustus. And this is what he looks like. And then the Lord and their polar opposites.

And I'm praying we'd see things like this in scripture, see the stark difference that the eternal word of God highlights to us and run to the Jesus way. And so I love this. Look at this.

Yeah, I have here. Jesus, he came into nothing and left this earth with nothing. He came by way of a manger and rode out on a borrowed donkey.

This is the Lord, Caesar Augustus. Even make sure you know before he checks out with a final quote of one of his famous ones. You know, I came to Rome with bricks.

I leave you, you know, one of marble. And he writes a autobiography upon himself of the divine deeds of myself, you know, and here comes the Lord born in a manger, came into nothing and left, riding out on a borrowed donkey, left with nothing. Even his mother who was with him, his entire upbringing, he even leaves her with John the beloved.

He's so cared about mankind. He was even named Jesus, which that means savior. I just wanna show us this picture of like, yes, help me Lord go this way.

You know, more in my life. Your name means savior with the meaning that the whole reason you're coming is for others. Savior has nothing to do, it's to save others.

Like that's why I'm here. Augustus, illustrious, great, magnificent. Look at me, I'm amazing.

Look what I've done, listen to my divine deeds of me. Jesus comes in his very naming savior. I'm coming, I'm leaving everything, Philippians two, emptying myself of my divinity and I'm coming for my prized possession in humanity.

He gives himself and I come in a manger and I leave riding out on a borrowed donkey. I don't own anything. Selfless, gives up his entire life for others.

You see the difference here, I love right out of the gate. When Jesus hits the globe, he comes born of a virgin and the word is made flesh. You have the ruling leader of the day in Caesar Augustus, illustrious, magnificent, divine deeds of me.

You know, and the Lord comes in hidden, no room in a manger and they're polar opposites is my point. The kingdom way is so anti this world system, so anti mankind's leanings and it's so beautiful. I have here true lowliness in the earth that simultaneously gives its life up for others is seen as great and prominent in heaven.

See heaven looks down and sees prominence in lowliness and greatness in humility and importance in selflessness. The world looks over that and makes no room for them. You need to go find a manger, but Caesar, the world gets caught up in food and bows to and honors and places value on illustrious and divine deeds and oh, wow, you probably are amazing.

You wrote a book on yourself, you know? And so let us run from that. We need to run to the heaven way for his glory. I love this, yeah, so Jesus meaning savior, his very name means I'm coming for others.

Wow, yet Augustus is all arrows and fingers pointing to me. Illustrious, magnificent, speaks of look at me, how special I am. And while you're at it, go ahead and notice what all I've accomplished.

And by the way, I have a new book out about me called The Divine Ways of Me. Actually, go ahead and buy as many copies and tell all your friends about it. So my book about me will climb the charts, hopefully, ranking as a number one New York Times bestseller so I can look even more special in the eyes of everyone else but heaven.

See, I'm coming at something specifically that's not godly and it's not the way we wanna go. And I love that he gets brought into the story in Luke two because it's totally the polar opposite of our king found in the Lord Jesus Christ. And so he's so hemmed up on himself.

And I have here that I mentioned earlier, Jesus allows others to write about himself. Jesus could have wrote the most phenomenal books, manuscripts we ever saw his God. Never wrote a thing.

He lets other people write about himself and it becomes and remains the number one book in the world, the word of God. And so he's a man who writes about himself While Augustus writes his own self-proclaimed manuscript that ends up flying like a rock in the history of time and virtually no one knows about it. You see the difference there? It's a big difference.

Lord, help us. Let's first learn from this vastly contrasted picture and distinction of what true leadership, authority and governance looks like from heaven's point of view and follow Jesus. So I just wanna point that out while we're here.

Verse one was Caesar Augustus since he made the story and it's true to be in history. It is a big, big difference. And we want to look nothing like this world system, the means by which everybody climbs the ladder and look at me and all the autobiographies and awards and accolades.

We wanna be like Jesus. Manger bound and borrowed donkeys. So anyway, that quick one, another one then we'll jump into our 11 points.

And we'll pray. But the next kind of parallel I can see that I just wanna encourage us to keep watching for because we're getting close to the Lord's second final coming that you see actually in his first coming is the end time one world order parallel and kind of controlling, you know, he wanted the whole world registered. And so, you know, you saw it in verse one and it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.

So we hit character first in the difference of leadership models from heaven to the earth and vice versa. But now the whole world's being registered by this ruler. And why, like what's going on there? And why is Luke, you know, bringing this into the picture? But a census of the world, basically what it is is a count of people for not only the control and rule, but for the purpose of taxing, meaning there's financial gain involved in the motives here.

And, you know, which we know the Bible, just a quick again, emphasis on the parallel is as it gets near the Lord's return, we're gonna see a very similar model repeat itself in, and the Bible's clear on this. This is not news or to anyone that the world's quickly going to mirror this same model of a one world order and register, if you will, and one world currency. And so as it goes there quickly and you see this come back on the scene, no.

And this is when the Lord came in and he's coming again quickly. And that's where it's trying to go. You know, we're already starting to see this in different expressions.

I'm not gonna get us bogged down here, but many think in 2020, there were certain things starting and it is what it is. But nevertheless, you're gonna see this same type of, I think application be implemented of like a one world register, like let's count, see how many we got, turn in normally there's financial, there's definitely control and rule involved, but also financial gain. So if we know how many we got, we know how many we can tax and how it's gonna look in the end is one world order and one world currency.

The Bible talks about that being the mark of the beast and that's also brought up again, I think in Revelation 14. But anyway, just think it's important to note that. Yeah, I have here, I just think it's interesting that the gospel of Luke gives us a unique connection and looking at this from the Lord's first coming, that will be a connecting puzzle piece and sign of the second final coming.

So let's go to verse three. So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city, and then continuing on to verse six. Joseph also went up from Galilee out of the city of Nazareth into Judea.

And this is where it'll start hitting home a little more personally and corporately. We'll see both. To the city of David, which is called Bethlehem because he was of the house and lineage of David to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child, verse six.

So it was that while they were there, just wanna stop there. And encourage us, this is kind of getting into step one, but finding our there, this is very, very important because you see, this is always where God's will can be birthed and come into fruition. But it says, while they were there, back in verse three, it says, everybody had to go to their own city.

And I just wanna personalize that, that in this hour, it's super important that we make sure we're in our own city. Where's the Lord calling you? And where is your there? This is step one, finding your there. Because often if we miss this step, you can see once the days were complete, she brought forth a son.

The Lord can't be brought forth through our life if we're not in our there, our own, you know? And this ties back to God's voice to us. We know that. We've got to hear the voice of God now clearer than ever.

Our decisions nowadays cannot be based on circumstances or preferences. They must be founded, rooted and made by and through the voice of God, written and spoken relationally, you know? But I have here, where is your there? I really want us to ask God as we're, you know, I'm preaching this word and teaching it that we open our heart up and say, yes, help me, Lord, help me receive. You know, I want to be

changed.

I don't want to just sit here and listen to another message. May we never get that way. When the eternal word of God's coming forth by the spirit, I pray we'd begin to ask to reassess, am I in my there? Because this is critical.

You saw time and time again when people would miss it. God cannot, his son can't be birthed through you for purpose and destiny if you're not in the right place. Timing matters, all this.

We're gonna get to that in a second. But, you know, you saw it with Ruth and Orpah. Ruth found her there.

Orpah chose wrongly because of preference. You must make your decisions off of what God says, not by what statistics are showing, what everybody's saying, what everybody's doing. So where is your there? We want to make sure you have this clear because you can find yourself going around mountains for quite a while if we're not there.

I have here, it's so important to find and arrive at your there. I'll read it again. It says, so it was that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered and she brought forth her firstborn son.

It's important first step that we find our there. I'm telling you, often God's waiting for Jacob to get to Bethel and he says, once I was in that place, if you read in Genesis 28, it was that place, location mattered. Where was I when I was there? Where are you? Where is your there for the Lord to be birthed through you? And yeah, like I touched on earlier, I have in circumstances are never the determiner for where your there is.

You can't go by that. They'll play into it sometimes, but they can't be like the main staple support. His voice has to be.

Preferences should never become the decision maker for the destination of where your there is. If you are uncertain where your there is or if you are in the correct there, that you're meant to be and clear everything back off the table. I just wanna encourage you guys, I do this often, just to reassess in prayer before the Lord and make sure I'm where I need to be as far as timing, decision-making, all that.

And sometimes you just have to clean the slate again of the place of prayer before God and hear clearly. Get all your preferences off the table, move them over here, get circumstances out of there. This is a big one I hear so many people get tripped up over.

Well, you know, yeah, I'm waiting for God, but he knows it's gotta be this and that. Says who? You don't have the right to put circumstances into like your checklist or something when it comes to the will of God. He says, deny yours.

If you're gonna really follow the Lord, you don't get to put in there, but Lord, He loves us. He'll answer prayers, I'm for that. But when you start asking for His will, I'm telling you that can be the quickest thing to throw you off.

You start gauging it off of how the circumstances are or if it plays in my favor or not, or if it's how I like it, is the temperature right? Do I like this country or not? It doesn't matter. If He says, go to Russia tomorrow, you go. You wanna hear Him clearly, but you don't get to say, well, but my 401k or all those years of college, I've just got one more year, I need to finish that because on paper, I could waste all of it.

No, when He speaks, you go. When He speaks, you obey. And if that's too high a cost, then that's fine, but don't expect for His son to be birthed through you.

Don't expect to bring things forth in God's will. You're there is very important, hearing and making sure, am I in, am I there? And deception can warp this as well. We just wanna be clear, unbiased, let everything go.

All your preconceived ideas of how I thought it would look or who I thought I was supposed to be with or how I thought I was supposed to be being used by now, whatever, you gotta let all that go constantly. I constantly do this before the Lord. Clean slate, I don't care, Lord, I don't care.

Take it all, multiply it all, it don't matter to me. I've gotta please you and be, am I there? And timing and all that, there's many more that apply, but that first step is super key. So yeah, go back to His voice alone, I have here in my notes.

Go back to His voice, His pure, what did He say in the beginning, what did He say? Because often along the way, other opinions come in, we'll let our thoughts play into it, how we thought, all of our assumptions, all that, none of that matters, none of it matters. The most unbiased place in prayer is the most productive because you can hear Him clearly. You get all of your soulless desires, wants, perceptions, opinions, all that, none of that matters.

You just want Him, you want His voice. That's the pure, clean way, and that's how His Son gets brought forth. That's why Mary and Joseph were gold.

Mary, so be it unto me. Joseph's like, yep, every time the angel spoke in a dream, yep, gone, they wouldn't ask questions. Well, I don't know if I wanna go there because, I've heard this so many times, what we, I don't feel right.

I'm telling you, you wanna get all that out of the way, you're not gonna hear right, and you're gonna end up like Orpah, who chose wrongly. You can read it back in the book of Ruth. They were both given a fork in the road, and Orpah chose wrongly because of preference and what she was familiar with and how she thought it was supposed to be, and you never hear of her again.

Barnabas did it in Acts chapter 16. He wanted to bring Mark, and it wasn't ideal. You never hear of him again.

And so, anyway, the first one, first step, let's find our there because this is what sets it in motion. The Lord's waiting for Jacob to get to Bethel because it was in that place. And as soon as he hit that place, it triggered something.

And so, point two from this, start family. We're talking about in the context of the Lord coming into the earth. And I love this, that Jesus Christ, of all ways he could have come into the earth, he comes through family.

And the Lord's really on this in this hour. I don't wanna get ahead of myself or my notes, but I have here, I love that Jesus was born in the context of family. So find your there, and then look to start family.

Look to get tethered into and sewn into the fabric of family. I'm telling you, like I know it clearer now than ever, and it's only becoming more real. God's wind and breath and favor is upon family.

Always has been, you see it in the word, but it's hitting an all-time high as things are wrapping up. And if, I am getting ahead of my notes, but if you're doing anything outside of not going further into the family of God and getting sewn into the fabric of family, I promise you, you're gonna miss the boat. You're gonna miss the wind of God.

So step one, find your there, whatever that is. And I know I'm talking to many people across the world. Whatever that is, could be a home church in Alaska, could be wherever.

Wherever God's speaking to you, find your there, and then point, part two, point two, start family. I love that Jesus was born in the context of family. He could have rode a meteor down to the earth and just popped on the scene and popped out of the woods like Melchizedek in the Old Testament, said, I'm here.

Divine ruler. No, he chose to be born lowly into family, and then model that. I have here, this is what he has come to do.

This is what he's coming again to and going to be born through. So again, we're using the Lord's first birth and coming to reflect into his, I believe, some moves coming to by God in the earth that are going to forerun his second coming in parallels. But this is what he's coming again to and going to be born through, family.

Family is actually the means by which he is preparing his bride right now. It's one of the means, one of the main means he's doing it by. He's using family to prepare us for the eternal family.

If you cannot be threaded into the fabric of family now, your eternal placement into the everlasting family will not be so astonishing. Because a lot of us, if we're honest, we run from this type thing because, well, I don't like so-and-so or we don't quite get along or whatever it is. It doesn't matter.

This is why the whole death to self that we've been coming through here at the house is so key. We've gotta get over ourselves and go after what matters to God. What matters to him is his family, his kingdom.

They've embodied it since before all of time, the Father, the Son, the Spirit. And we run to it, not from it. I know it's easier sometimes just to isolate and not deal with attitudes or offenses or shortcomings of others.

But this is not what God's in. If you start isolating yourself and running from these things, you're gonna find yourself disconnected from the grace and wind of God. I'm telling you, his wind, grace and favor is upon the family of God.

And it's gonna look different from house to house and model to model. That's great. Nevertheless, you wanna be one of the threads getting sewn into the fabric of family right now.

It's what God's building unto. But a quick disclaimer from Matthew 10. A quick disclaimer from Matthew 10 is that when I say family, I mean the family of God.

Because Jesus says, look, if you love your father or mother more than me, you're not worthy of the kingdom. If you love son or daughter more than me, you're not worthy of the kingdom. So please share that balance.

When I say family, I mean in the context of loving, knowing and following God and loving him above all. Because some people go yes and amen to family, but don't follow Jesus. And they love their own children more than the Lord.

And the Bible is clear. I just wanna be clear on that. The Lord Jesus out of his mouth said, if you love your children more than me, you're not worthy of the kingdom.

If you love your father or mother more than me, you're not worthy of the kingdom. So when I speak family, I'm speaking at God over all Jesus, the head of it all. Which actually ignites and illuminates true family.

You can't without Jesus at the head. And so you detach from that and start, I'm just being honest. Some people love God until God calls their children to the mission field.

And then no, Johnny, I don't know. At that point, you care more about your children than God and his voice. Or some people, God calls them to move and because they love their family so much, they won't move away from their parents.

Well, it's gotta be, it has to be. That's fine, but short circuit your destiny. Don't bleed that over into other people's lives.

The Bible is clear. We must love Jesus above all. So I just wanna bring that disclaimer quick and balance really, just balance while I'm talking about family.

Yeah, often too, there are some in ministry, listen to this, that love the family model even in ministry more than Jesus. And this is why the Lord's not fully into what they're doing. Meaning some people are so top heavy on family that then in the model of that in ministry, that the model becomes so predominant in their mind and focus that the Lord, it usurps the Lord and he can't even speak into it and guide.

And so, and this is where things shift to the model over the man, capital M, Jesus Christ. That's backwards. He's gotta be over it all.

So it's always the man over the model. I love different ways the Lord's, the clouds moved through bodies and expressions and moves throughout the years. But we must be careful too that sometimes we don't allow, it's a little side note, the model to become so prioritized in our mind as the way that we, it takes precedent over the man, Jesus Christ, it's man over model always.

So, but back to family, I've said this before and I'll say it again. Now is not the time to still be running around looking out for your good old number one Maverick plan. Trust me, there's people that are still looking.

Yeah, I wanna connect here, but I wanna also network here cause this will be better for me. Keep all my doors open. It doesn't work that way.

I'm telling you. Let me stick to my good old number one Maverick plan of what's in it for you or what's best for you or what, why didn't they notice me because of my call? Everything's like me and what's best for me? No, it's not about you. It's family right now.

It's getting over you, loving God and others. And from that, you start, it starts to look like family. And is it ugly sometimes? Oh yeah.

The Bible says without oxen, the stall stays clean. But with the oxen comes great strength. Meaning, but also the stalls get dirty.

Oh yeah, you're gonna have arguments and disagreements and people get offended. We repent, stay low, forgive and keep moving, get stronger and we grow together. But you wanna first make sure where you're there is.

Cause if you're trying to start family and you're the wrong there, so that's key first. And we see that right in this passage. So find you're there when you know that clearly.

And the only way you know that clearly often is to clean your slate in prayer. Get all your preferences out of there. All your preconceived ideas, how I thought, when I thought it was gonna happen.

Trust me, none of that typically lines up with God's will. You'll get there a lot quicker if you just clear that out. But once you get to you're there, just dig your heels in and start family and get over you.

But the people that are still what's in it for me and why didn't I get noticed and what's in the jealous and somebody else get noticed. These people are going to get left behind. But the shaking that is coming is going to pull the rug out from under any and everything that is not tethered to the family of God.

Or in other words, the body of Christ. It's called the body for a reason. There's parts, my hand needs my wrist and my wrist needs my forearm.

And my elbow needs my upper arm. Like it's all fits together. You cannot disconnect and still function and get anything done.

And we still often beg for ease sake and our desire alone, selfishness if we're honest, we wanna just run from it. Or we often wanna pick a few that we gel with just right and we click with and just cut it off right there. That's not God, I'm telling you.

It's not the Lord. We wanna get us for no more. And then because Johnny over there, he doesn't quite get it or see like us.

He didn't quite get the jokes and the socially awkward when Johnny comes in. What? Or Timmy over here, whoever. It doesn't matter about you and what you like.

It's about what Jesus died for and God's trying to build and it's a spiritual house. We'll go here in a second in first Peter two. He's bringing living stones together that are all tied into the chief cornerstone found in Jesus Christ for his glory.

It's what he's doing. I love that. But we must be fit together.

Yeah, let's go to first Peter two. You can skip down to verse four. First Peter chapter two, verse four.

Watch this, coming to him as to a living stone rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious. You also as living stones. Wait, what? This is separate, but it still applies.

To him as a living stone, Jesus rejected indeed by men. So you're saying I'm a living stone too? Wait, Jesus was a living stone and rejected by men. Yes, and you are too.

So just know that living stones get rejected by men. He said, though, I hate you because of me. There's a whole nother teaching, but important to note.

You as living stones are being built a spiritual house, not a spiritual two by four by yourself, not a spiritual door or threshold or floor mat, no, a house. And living stones, plural, meaning you're going to, if you want to follow the Lord and the chief cornerstone, you are going to have to be fit into other living stones, which is called the body of Christ. It's a spiritual house.

And listen to this, the Lord's just on this. I've been feeling this stronger and stronger. I'm very grateful and I just want to do better at obeying him, that's all.

May he get glory. But listen to what that word house means in Greek, spiritual house. Family, in Greek it means family, home, household, dwelling.

But when I'm being built as a spiritual house, yeah, because you're being built up with others, fit together, living stones. If it's one stone, nothing needs to be built. So if you want to go do your Maverick thing or build your Maverick ministry and touch thousands and you're not connecting to any family, I'm telling you where the days are heading, you're going to get exposed.

The church, the church of the Lord, the train of God's favor and grace and glory is going to miss you. Please hear me. And I love different calls, but still do what you're doing, but come back to wherever you're there is and family, be tied in somewhere.

I'm telling you, it's very, very important. And because the shaking's coming and everything that's not his spiritual house and those living stones that aren't fit together to the living stone of the chief cornerstone, it's going to fall by the wayside. That's very, very, very key.

You say, what is the spiritual house? What is it? It's a holy priesthood. What does it do? It offers up spiritual sacrifice that's acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. So again, this Maverick mentality that seeks to do kingdom exploits and achieve eternal greatness apart from true kingdom family in any real way will be exposed in due time.

Just want to make that really clear. Verse six, we're still there, but point three, we'll read verse six. It says, we go back to Luke two.

It says, so it was that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. So point three, remain at your there. It says, while they were there, the days were completed.

So this is super key. Find your there, while you're there, start family. Thank God that Jesus came in this way.

This is how he says, you know what? What's the perfect plan for me to come into the earth? He could have done it in so many different ways, but he came through family. And this is what they did. They found their there, their starting family about to bring forth the son of God.

And, but what they did was they remained there until the days were complete. So point three, remain at your there. This point actually, I think gets, the ball gets dropped more here than step one, finding your there, from what I've seen.

And just so you know, I've messed up all these. So Lord help me. Typically always preaching from experience and thank God for his mercy and grace and trying to get better.

But often we do due diligence and prayer, fasting, whatever it is, we hear God clearly, we get to our there, but because of many reasons, timing, things didn't work out like we thought or not like we expected. We abort the plan too soon. We don't remain at our there.

And when you don't do this, nothing can be brought forth. The son will not be brought forth. That's the Orpah model.

That's Barnabas and many others in scripture. So step three, we must remain at our there so the days of fulfillment can come into fruition. Let the days of being there unfold and ripen.

Let them season and come into the time of fulfillment. This is really key. I'm telling you, I see it time and time again, where again, I feel like this step may be even a little more important only because I feel like this is a key step.

This is a ball that's dropped more here. People get excited. They hear God and they find they're there, but they don't remain there.

It says the days were completed. How many? We don't know. We don't know how long they were there.

All we know is the days were completed though. You see, what if you had, you know, seven months and you left on the sixth month? You thought, well, I spent six whole months, you know, two increments of three or whatever it may be, but the days weren't completed. This is really important for the birthing of God.

Often, he's not gonna speed up his timeline for anyone. I have here, most people find they're there, but drop the ball in the category of remaining there, especially in this quick microwave short attention span generation. Everybody wants that same day delivery.

Amazon Special, and I love Amazon Prime. I just ordered today two little metal clips, like you know them little garage door clickers, like the metal clip on the back? I needed two of those. 6.99, what an amazing deal.

So I love it, but if we're not careful, this quick microwave generation, the attention span's shorter than ever. We do this with God, and I can promise you that doesn't work with him. He doesn't do Amazon Prime.

He's on time, and he can do things quicker than anybody, but also, he's not overnight delivery in these. The days must be completed with him, and a lot of times, we don't realize the days being completed was in the whole plan because he's making and molding us during those days. They're needed, they're needed.

He's not just slow because he chooses to be. He's changing us, so we'll be ready once the sun is brought forth. But anyway, God never has and never will work this way.

God is the God of the apple seed that you plant, and you water it, see nothing. For weeks, nurture it, make sure it gets sun. Five years later, you get an apple.

This is how God works. Just look at creation. Then, from that apple you get, you take a seed out, plant a new tree, water it, nurture it.

Five years later, you got apples on both trees. That's about a decade right there. A lot of us find our there, get the seed, plant it, nurture it, water it, and it doesn't quite do what we, and we usurp the plant.

The problem is, if you go to a new there, you gotta start over again. We gotta get to God's way. Just remain, let the days complete.

Let the season unfold, ripen, because he's trying to do something. I have here, anybody you see today with an abundance of apples, started many years ago planting seeds of obedience and remaining at their there until the days kept coming into completion. I just wanna encourage you, remain there, wherever it is for you.

You hear the Lord, and wherever that is, start family. I'm telling you, if that's not something you are tying into, start asking God how to get tethered in, because that's where his breath's upon, and then remain there, let the days unfold. Scripture tells us that when the days were completed, she brought forth.

If you do not remain at your there, you will never bring forth. When a natural child is conceived, there's absolutely nothing that anyone can do to speed that bringing forth up. When a child's conceived, it's nine months, and nine months is nine months.

Doesn't matter how holy you are, wicked you are, you're not gonna slow or speed that up, slow it up or speed it up. Some things, there's a set time that the days must be completed, and doesn't matter what you do, cry, wail, shift, or whatever, the days must be complete, and so we've gotta allow that. I have heard so many become distracted, discouraged, when the Bible is clear to not despise the day of small beginnings, and to not grow weary in doing good, so when you find you're there, and you start family, just remain there.

He'll speak if anything needs to change, but definitely what you don't wanna do is usurp that there, and that plan, and check out too early before the day's complete, because nothing will be brought forth, I promise you, I've seen this over, and over, and over again. I have here, some get jealous of others, or offended by something someone did or said, get hurt, pack up, and go to another there. Get hurt there, pack up, and go to another there.

And typically what happens is, these type people find each other, and form these self-imploding pity parties, that they rally around, while going deeper and deeper, into deception, often entertaining doctrines of demons, I'm telling. It's wild how these people all gravitate to themselves, and they find each other, it's like, I heard the Lord got to my there, but just didn't go right, or I got offended, or somebody said something hurt me, so I'm gonna pack up, go to another there. Nothing ever gets brought forth, then you get hurt again there, and go to another there, and you start running into all these other people that have been doing that, took that little apple seed, and apple tree that's only a year old, and pulled it out of the roots, and tried to plant it again, and the leaves start dying, you're starting over.

And then it's funny, they all find each other, and often, it's like they start becoming the new spiritual police on how things should be run. It's funny, I don't know how they conjure this up, but these little groups will start, and it's like they know how things, what everybody else is doing wrong, and how things should be run. The only problem is that they have no fruit to speak of.

Typically, you can look at their children, literally or spiritually, because the Bible says, wisdom proves itself by its children, or its offspring, or its fruit. All you have to do is check the fruit, and then, or look behind

them, because you'll see nobody's following them. So I'm encouraging us, let's just hear the Lord clearly, start family, get over you.

Don't always just run for your little click, and you're for no more, no, get over us. I'm telling you, I feel like the Lord often puts people that agitate us on purpose, and He says, no, go love them. I'm trying to kill you.

Just tie into family, love people, I love them. I know they're quirky to you, I love them. I made them that way, by the way.

The way they think, and the way they see it that you don't, and how they never understand what you're talking about, but they're in their world that makes sense to them, I love them, and that's how I made them, love them. Get tethered in to the fabric, you know? And then also remain there. I'm telling you, this is a big one.

Days cannot complete if we don't remain there. Too many people that are hopping and moving, and God's will can't take its place. So don't shortcut the fulfillment of you're there.

Let the days complete themselves, and yeah, I have here, if you don't gel well in the context of family, typically you have a you problem. You're too important to you. That's normally what's happening.

If you don't gel well with family, God's family, typically we're selfish is what it is. True death is one of the main ingredients to the recipe that works in family. I was just telling my kids this recently, talking with them, just how heaven is the perfect model because you notice there's never any issues in heaven.

Nobody ever gets hurt, rejected, offended. Nobody's selfish. You never see a 24-elder take another one's chair because he wants a better seat, or the four living creatures, or the 24 elders getting jealous of the four living creatures because they're closer to the throne.

You know what I mean? You don't see any of that. You don't see angels pulling power moves because they are on a authority trip and want more say-so. Heaven just flows because everybody's selfless and they want the king where he is in the central part on the throne, exalted, lifted up.

It's about him. And family works this way, but I pray we would become more and more comfortable with this and get over us and yield into the lowly way of honor, preference, death to us. Truth, though, yes, the balance of truth, but that Jesus may be glorified.

You just get so much misunderstanding because people aren't truthful fully. And there's so many different reasons and offenses and rejections and things that just they're not in the kingdom because this is what I was telling my kids that a lot of us say your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. And we pray that and love it.

I pray it, love it. But if we're honest, a lot of times we pray that because we want all the benefits of his kingdom. We want the power, the authority, the breakthrough, the deliverance.

But one thing you need to know is when his kingdom comes, also the kingdom order comes. And it looks like submission, honor, preference of one another, true love, truth and only truth, spirit of truth is the only thing that resides in heaven. No false witnesses being bared, no selfish ambition, ulterior motives, guile, all this stuff's out the window.

When the kingdom of heaven comes, it sets things in order. It's very beautiful. There's conviction, it's sharp.

There's no subconscious stuff that's going on within us that's rooted in selfishness and pride. All this is gone, it's gone. You saw where pride got Lucifer, ousted.

It will not stand in heaven. And so I'm loving these things even more. I love the power and all, let's have it, revelation, glory.

But I'm loving your kingdom come. Yes, come, come in my home, come in our church, come in our nation, our city, the world, come. Because what it does, it sets things in order and things just flow like butter.

You never see anything get out of order and get tripped up. Even in Zechariah four, I think, or Zechariah for sure. I was telling my children, there's an angel who would always run with Zechariah.

He would call him the angel who talked with me. Let's say this is Zechariah and here's the angel. Let's say this is the angel because he's bigger because we're yet a little lower than the angels.

Zechariah, the angel. Well, this is his angel. He says, look, the angel who talked with me said this and the angel who talked with me said this.

Well, all of a sudden, another angel came on the scene and he's an angel for crying out loud, he's divine. And he had something to tell Zechariah. But in the passage, it says he went to Zechariah's angel and told him to tell Zechariah this.

And you think, well, that's okay. But what's so amazing about that is even the angels know, because they come from his presence, divine order and respect and integrity. They don't do all this backdoor nonsense that is rooted in selfishness and how I can network and better my thing.

And I'm telling you, there's so much nonsense going on in the body of Christ. We need it cleaned up. We need pure, integrous people that run in the kingdom of heaven.

It's order, divine, pure, it's clean. You can trust it with your life because it's in truth always. Never comes outside of the spirit of truth.

And so this angel, he knew, he's like, no, this angel's assigned to Zechariah. So I'll go through him. He could just went around him.

And this is how a lot of, this is what we do a lot because somebody says something makes us feel better. And so we feel important and make a power move decision that we wanna go ahead and do this. We don't run it by who the Lord told us is the authority of the time.

Like, no, we don't do that. And so I pray that the Lord would help us even in the context of family and living stones and come under the kingdom of heaven. You know, it's so beautiful.

So, but listen to this again, back from, we won't turn there, but 1 Peter 2, the living stones in the context of family and remaining there, because this is often why people don't remain there. They get offended because they started family, but that didn't know that, or I didn't get promoted quick enough, whatever it is. It's hanging about being promoted.

A lot of times, and God has no problem promoting anything. If he's ready, he sees you, he knows you. We're so busy blaming everybody else because we're not being used and nobody sees me.

You think God's not capable? You're probably not usable yet. And I'm talking to me because I've been here plenty and still need much grace in all these areas. But living stones must be, you don't just grab stones and put them together.

There is no gaps in the wall of that, which is tied into the chief cornerstone. This isn't a stone wall. You get stones out of a river and stack them and there's holes in there.

No, living stones are chiseled, cut, and made to fit one another that ultimately fit into the chief cornerstone. Quite often, what we do is we can see all the areas everybody else needs to be cut and chiseled in. But when it comes to us, we have blind spots.

We don't think, we think we're good. Or we think everybody else needs to be chiseled and cut to fit into us. I can promise you that's not the case.

We are both, both sides, all sides are gonna be cut, chiseled, shaved down, weighed, measured to fit perfectly into one another, a spiritual house that's perfectly fit into the head and the chief cornerstone found in Jesus Christ. So know that this is what the Lord's doing right now. He's chiseling living stones because it's holy and acceptable to him.

It's a spiritual sacrifice. It's going up before God in this hour. And it's looking like family.

He's building a spiritual house. And I love that Jesus came born into a family. And you'll see in a second, his birthing projects from family to family.

But anyway, I just wanna encourage you guys that may we allow the chief cornerstone to have his way in us, get over us, and may he get glory. Point four, found in verse seven, and she brought forth her firstborn son and wrapped him. Just wanna stop there.

We must wrap him. This is point four. Wrapped him in swaddling clothes, but we'll stop there, wrap him.

This is so beautiful. I've never quite seen it like this before, but I have here to wrap him. You gotta imagine this is to care for, minister to, and comfort him.

This is where the end time model's going. It's not the Lord for us, it's him. It's caring for him, ministering to him, loving him.

It's wrapping him. Meaning when you do that, you don't get anything in return. It's one of the deepest, purest models of where things are going.

We need to take things higher now to why do we pray? Why do we worship? Why do we give? Why do we serve? To wrap him, to minister to him, to care for him, to comfort him and glorify him. Many of us still pray, worship, give, and serve with the priority stemming back to us. Let's just be very honest with ourselves.

And I say this in love and in grace and in love. I say this in needed grace. But many of us, we pray, serve, give, worship, read the Word, all this, still with the underlying motive of what's in it for me.

When you wrap him, it's solely for him. It's to comfort him, secure him, love him, minister to him. And I love this picture here.

Mary is solely on caring for him. It's ministering to him. And I think things are flipping in this hour to this, it's deeper.

They're both beautiful. This first one I'm talking about is biblical, just saturated in biblical truths, it's great. But there's a deeper place now where we're starting to wrap the Lord and the temporal clothes that we have of love.

But because the first kind of shallower tier is when I pray, I will be fruitful. I'll say that again. Many of us still pray, worship, give, and serve with the priority stemming back to us.

And this is an example. Because when I pray, I will be fruitful. Or when I read the Bible, I will be successful.

Or when I give, I will receive. Or when I serve, I will be great in the kingdom. And all of these are incredible biblical truths.

So I'm not throwing those out. They're in the Bible. They're amazing to give and receive and serve.

And you'll be great in the kingdom. These are beautiful. But when it comes to wrapping him, it totally gets you out of the picture.

And it's just a deeper place is all. It's a deeper truth. They're both truths.

Just the bride of this last hour is going to this model. It's him. It's about him.

Why do I pray? Him. Why do I serve? Him. Why do I worship and love? Him.

Why do I give for him? Oh, yeah, I receive. But no, I'm really giving because of him. It's a big difference.

I believe the last hour bride is taking things up a notch where her main priority is to wrap him in love, wrap him in praise, wrap him in worship, wrap him in comfort, wrap him in nearness with whatever lowly cloths of this life she might have. The swaddling cloths, see our life, may it shift deeper now to wrapping him, caring for him. That's what she was doing right there.

There was nothing in return for her. It's a deeper place of love that I think you can see in this birthing scene that we're given in Luke two. But may the earthly fabric of our temporal lives begin to wrap him while we still can.

It's the only side of eternity where we can do that. Let's wrap him in our love. Let's wrap him in our lives laid down through serving.

Let's wrap him in our giving. Let's wrap him in our adoration and praise. Let's wrap him in our 100% yielded daily obedience this side of heaven.

So that step four, that we would, by the grace of the Lord, by his spirit, we'd start to shift deeper now to wrapping him, caring for him, ministering to him. Why do I pray? Him, serve, obey him, his glory. Point five, quick, and I'll start landing it here shortly.

Point five, still in verse seven, the next part of that verse, and laid him in a manger. So she brought forth her firstborn son, wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him. So point four, wrapped him, point five, laid him.

Where? In a manger. This is a really key point. This was actually mentioned three times in Luke.

Two, verse seven, 12, and six, 16, all three verses. That manger, being laid in a manger, got brought up three times. The angels brought it up the second time, said, this will be the sign to you.

And then it says, they went and saw a babe in a manger. They didn't say anything about the swaddling clothes then. It was the babe in a manger, and she laid him there.

So what I wanna pull figuratively from this is massive. I have here, the Lord will rest fully in that which he embodies, which is lowliness. This is the picture of a manger.

Humility will be the container in which Jesus rests in. Humility will be the container. The last hour move of God, or birthing of the Son by way of the Spirit, is going to rest in manger ministries, humble abodes.

I'm telling you, this is coming back again. His first coming, that's what he was laid in, rested in. This is what the Lord rests in.

Well, he's coming again to rest in manger ministries, humble abodes, lowly ones. The lowliest one ever is coming to lowly ones in his image. And help us, Lord.

This is a massive point here, point five. She laid him in a manger. So lowly houses that embrace the cross, the picture of the wood in the manger, I love to see as the cross, and the hay.

The Bible doesn't tell us this, but we see it as this, and you can look through history. And the hay, the dead grass that fades, it's just preached on this from Isaiah 40 and 1 Peter 1. But the manger wooden cross of death and the hay of death, lowly dead vessels is what the Lord's coming to rest in again for his second and final coming. I can promise you, I feel it stronger than ever before.

He's not coming through know-it-alls, fancy polished preachers. If you've got a gift to Oracle, preach, that's awesome. I'm just meaning the core heart of us, that there's gonna be manger ministries again that the Lord's gonna rest in.

Those that embrace true lowliness and humility, those that walk under the yoke of the Lord and have learned from him gentleness and meekness resulting in Christ-like humility. Love Psalm 51, 17 says, the sacrifices of God are broken and contrite spirit. These he will never deny or despise.

Brokenness and humility is what the Lord's coming to rest in again. And she laid him in a manger and marked my words. His first coming rested there and his second final was gonna do the same.

He's gonna come again and be birthed and rest in manger ministries, humble abodes. I'm telling you, lowly dead vessels. Please never see the manger again without remembering this.

The wooden cross and the dead grass of hay. It is you and I, all flesh is as grass because the breath of the Lord breathes upon it because no flesh will glory in his presence. This is what he's resting upon, death and humility.

So come Lord Jesus. Point six, no room. We're still in verse seven.

So she brought forth her firstborn son, wrapped him in swaddling clothes, laid him in a manger because why? There was no room for them in the end. I kind of love this one. The masses will overlook who he is coming to and through.

And again, I'm projecting kind of a parallel from his first birth and coming into the earth to his second coming. And I'm seeing these similarities that I think are gonna repeat themselves. And there was no room for him then, there'll be no room again.

The masses will overlook who he's coming to and through. Only later to realize that they made room for so many other things and so many other ones, but the one. I'm telling you, it's gonna get overlooked.

The last hour birthing is going to come through unexpected ones and unexpected houses. There are many others that people are going to make room for and assume. Even the modern day Samuels won't suspect that little David is the one.

It's gotta be his brothers, for sure. A little David hidden, back side of nowhere, taking out bears and lions, you know, leading unto the Goliaths. It's going to be though, these manger menace, these lowly ones that they're gonna make no room for.

I'm speaking to the church specifically. I believe it's gonna get like so overlooked. I promise you.

And I believe it's nearer than we think, the move of God. I believe it's coming through manger ministries that do not care, they're dead, they're over it all. And the world for sure, but even the church is gonna miss it.

They're not gonna make room for them because they're gonna overlook it. I promise you, whoever ran that in, or they had the guest room, if they knew that was the son of God in that womb, oh, they would have made room. They would have got out of the master bedroom and slept in the fields to make room, but people are gonna overlook it, look at it and miss it.

You know, you saw something similar. What was it last year at Asbury broke out? Nobody saw that coming. It's gonna be similar.

And I love it. There's gonna be as many other that people are gonna expect and make room for that they're gonna think it's gonna come through. It's not, it's gonna come through manger, lowly dead vessels.

And I love this because this is who the Lord is. This is what he's after. Another reason is because the next final last move, last day birthing is going to not only come through major ministries, but simultaneously like Mary be kept and pondered in their heart.

We read that earlier, it's verse 19, but this is important. You're not going to find them surrounding everything with hype. So who the Lord's coming to be birthed through again, it's gonna be similar to Mary and Joseph, pondering things in their heart.

You're not gonna know half the time what they know from revelation, what the Lord's showing them and speaking is you're gonna ponder it in their heart and want him to get glory. They don't care that you know. I mean, I can imagine Mary could have told the end, the end when they said, there's no room here.

She gonna be like, do you know who you're talking to? The Gabriel, the angel Gabriel came to me. In my womb is Jesus, the son of God. I know this by angelic source.

My husband, he's given dreams in the night from angel, whatever, she could have put everything on blast, surrounded all the hype and got a place there, but she just pondered it in her heart and went the lowly way. She was totally fine out in the dirt with the animals. These are the type people I'm telling you the Lord's coming through, but he's not gonna come through people that are surrounding everything with hype.

Listen to me, it's coming through lowly, manger abodes, major ministries that are dead. Cross and dead grass that the Lord's breathed upon. They let him have his way.

And that the Lord's like, there we go. Finally, that's why I came the first time and I'm coming again through that. That's what I rest in.

That's what I get laid in. People that first wrapped me, the depth of all of who they are is about me first, not what's in it for them. They love those truths and they do know they apply, but they love, they pray because of him.

They give and serve because of him, they obey because of him, they wrap him. Then he's gonna lay and rest in humility and death because that's who he is. And so you're not, trust me, he's not gonna rest fully.

He's with them, he loves them, all this, but he's not, and I wanna encourage us too for us to run from this type stuff. This is not what the Lord's coming to and through, he's not. He didn't come the first time and the second time, he's not coming through hype.

People looking to put on some show to get more subscribers, and that's great if you're touching the world. I'm just saying the heart, I'm addressing the heart, looking to grow followers and get YouTube plaques and all this stuff. And again, I'm not against, do your thing.

I'm just saying all this stuff's gonna melt in his eyes one day. And he's not, he's coming through hidden, manger, lowly ones that it's not false either. They just love him and they wanna glorify him.

They're not trying to search for earthly accolades and use clickbait imagery to pull more attention. They don't care about your attention. They're just happy enough being out in the dirt and caring for him, wrapping him, ministering to him, and laying him in humility and death.

That's where he's gonna rest. This is it. And this is why so many people are gonna miss it because we, as humans, fall for all the shiny and glittery and glamorous and notable on the horizontal plane.

That stuff, I already touched that with Caesar Augustus first, that stuff's not notable in heaven. What's notable by heaven is people that sit in the dirt and wrap the Lord and look like vessels of death and humility. That's where he's gonna rest in, and that's why so many people are gonna miss it.

They're not gonna make room for it. I have here stuff in my notes, I may not go here, but just, I don't wanna step on toes, but I'm telling you, we've gotta get away from all of the, there's just a lot of nonsense that I wanna encourage you guys. The Lord's not gonna rest fully in it.

And I'm always preaching to me, he's not going to rest fully in all the hype and the noise and the look at me and the charts and the accomplishments and all my accolades in the name of the Lord. He's coming

where nobody's noticing, and they're not even making room for it. We've gotta be the real thing hidden and be comfortable there.

Listen to this, please. Those that the Lord are coming to and through love the back shelf, they love it there. They're not gonna say, you're gonna hear a peep out of them.

When you say you have no room there, that's fine. Because in my womb is the son of God. I know what's going on, he's speaking to me.

Not because of me, because of him. I just, I gotta wrap him, I gotta care for him, I gotta minister to him. They don't, you tell them back shelf, they're like, I'm more comfortable here anyway.

I was never trying to be seen or known or need a special spot in the end. Put me in the dirt, I don't care. Those that the Lord are coming to and through love the back shelf.

So if you don't notice them and you kind of neglect and ignore and don't make room for them, they're very comfortable there. And the Lord is too. They are very content with being overlooked because they were never trying to be seen in the first place.

These are the ones he's coming to rest fully in. He can partially rest and work as best as he can with half dead vessels and ones that are still about themselves. He loves you, but it's limited.

The Lord's gonna fully rest though in these back shelf folks that are glad to be overlooked. They don't care if you notice them or not. They don't need you to make room for them.

And they're not gonna say a thing if you don't. They're not gonna build a bunch of hype and show you all of their trophies and accomplishments. Mary didn't say a thing, she pondered it in her heart.

That's beautiful. She could have gave a rap sheet of all the supernatural. And do you have any idea I'm pregnant, but I'm a virgin? Trust me, you wanna make room for me.

No, she never said a word. And this is how the Lord was. Ridiculed him, reviled, didn't say a word, go under the tree.

And so this is it, this is it. Run from the hype, run from the noise and the lights. I'm telling you, this is the way.

It's so beautiful. So anyway, point seven, that's kind of one of my favorites. They'll be honest.

They made no room for him. Verse seven, no, sorry, point seven, verse eight. Let's go to verse eight, please.

Now they were in the same country, shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Point seven, it's going to start with family, Joseph, Mary, and the babe, capital B. And then it's gonna project and catapult to family, shepherds and their flock. I love it, it could have gone to anybody else, but the first people that it gets boomed from heaven to, by the way, this is another key point to note.

Heaven can advertise for you. You don't need to shout from the rooftops and build all the hype and do the clickbait images. You don't need to do all that.

Just follow, wrap him and make sure you're that vessel he can be laid in and rest in death and humility. And the angels in heaven will pronounce what they need to. It'll get known.

And you don't even, trust me, need things to be known, but he does for his glory. Glory to God in the highest. That's where we're going, verse 14.

But where did it first go to? Shepherds and their flock. I'm telling you, I'm feeling more and more the local body of Christ, the local church family. Shepherds and their flock, the real ones, is where this thing's going to.

It's coming to family and being projected further to family. And you notice they were nearby. It's gonna be covenant ones that run together and are looking at the blueprint of heaven in this hour.

They're looking at death and humility and they're looking at the true shepherds and sheep. Ezekiel 34 is powerful when you get time to maybe read it on another day. I believe the Lord's, I believe it's a now, I'm getting excited, word that the Lord's on of rebuking false shepherds and affirming real ones.

Rebuking bad sheep and affirming real ones. Because sheep are the problem sometimes too. They're disobedient, strong-willed, they don't wanna follow.

You can only lead as well as somebody else can follow. You know, and we're all following somebody and his name is Jesus Christ. But also there's order throughout the church and the body and elders and all of it.

Leaders and apostles, and I love it all, I love it. I'm always trying to find out where's the leader. You know, I know it's in the Lord, but I'm following.

I love submission, getting an order. I don't need to have a say-so. What for? But I'm telling you, the real shepherds, you notice they were in the same country, but they were out in the fields at night, which I think speaks of the last hour darkness that Isaiah 60 says, deep darkness.

The people, darkness covering the earth, deep darkness, the people. These real shepherds in this last hour, that, and it's interesting, there's just so much here. It's gold, I'm trying to cover ground quick.

But Bethlehem means house of bread. I believe there's these houses of the word of God, bread of his presence and the bread of his word, that these are the two staple factors, the spirit and word, that they follow and stay on, and they feed their flock the word. You know, I love that Jesus said to Peter, said, do you love me? He said, I love you.

He says, feed my sheep. He says, Peter, you love me? Feed my lambs. Do you love me? Yes, Lord.

Feed my sheep. It's very important to the Lord that we feed and we eat and feed the word of God. And so also coming to family, but also where is it being projected to? Shepherds with their flocks.

The local church, I'm telling you, and it's ironic that you see old moves of God and they typically break out in and through local community in the body. It's usually not some maverick running around out there. They can help fuel and join, but it's always gonna be, and I think it's going further onto starting at family, going to family.

But I do wanna tell you, I feel like that Ezekiel 34 is a now thing where the Lord's addressing false shepherds. The games are over and he's affirming and breathing upon the real ones that are following the Lord. And again, there's many different models and expressions out there.

So let's make grace for each other and realize we all need each other and where the body and the hand looks nothing like the foot, but we need each other. And let's never put the model over the man. The man must stay over the model or we get it twisted.

We'll get all, because a lot of times, because your model doesn't look like mine, you don't have it going on because I know we need to stop all that and make room for keeping the man, capital M, Jesus Christ on top. And then whatever that model looks like, great. Obviously in the context of the word, you never wanna get on biblical, but you know what I mean? But I believe the Lord is starting to check, hold accountable and correct the false shepherds or ones that are veering, have veered, affirming the real ones.

And same thing with the sheep. A lot of people always wanna point their finger to the shepherd or sometimes the shepherds always wanna point to the sheep, but it's across the board. His glory, his will, his word and way.

And the sheep that are causing issues too, they're gonna get checked and which we all are. We all follow the good shepherd, but you know what I mean? So anyway, point seven, going to start in family, but be a spread to family. Point eight, and behold, verse nine, and behold, the angel of the Lord stood before them.

It triggered the angel of the Lord to the shepherds. Point eight, I believe angels, heaven, kingdom backing by both proclamation and power are going to increase like never before as this, the birthing of his second coming. As we look to his first coming and look at this repeat parallel that's gonna happen, I believe the same process is gonna unfold.

But we must find our there, start family. He's on that so much right now. Remain at your there and then let things continue to unfold.

But then once it goes to family and spreads to family, point seven, point eight is, I believe heaven is going to start coming in a way like we've not seen ever before with angelic backing, resources, revelation, power, proclamations, all of it. Just as you see here, I have here, as the king draws nearer to the earth for his second final coming, his kingdom will do the same. We're going to start seeing a heavenly involvement like never before on all fronts.

And as I mentioned earlier, with his divine order, and I'm really excited about that one, and we're seeing it. I'm so grateful, so thankful. We're starting to see the Lord do so many things.

So yeah, his power, his domain, his authority, deliverance, proclamation, the revelation, the supernatural, but also his divine order. And he sets houses in order. He brings divine order.

It looks like so many different things I touched on earlier. So expect that to come more fully. Keep reading verse nine, and behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them and the glory of the Lord shone around them.

The manifest glory of God's coming again. As he gets projected through family to family, heaven's backing coming stronger than ever before, and the glory of the Lord shone around them. I believe the manifest glory of the Lord.

And 10, the awe of God. It says the glory shone around them and they were greatly afraid. I love Matthew 17 on the Mount of Transfiguration.

You can just kind of see a picture of this. It says a bright cloud overshadowed them, Peter, James, and John, and they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. A bright cloud overshadowed them, the glory, and they fell on their faces and were afraid.

When the glory comes, the reverential awe comes and vice versa. When the fear of the Lord comes, so comes the glory. And so I sense this more than ever before that as we find our there, this is the personal application, find your there, start family, just get over you.

Stop, I'm telling you, the quicker we can do this and just don't even care about your destiny anymore. Let him worry about that. Love God and love people.

Just do the first two commandments. Go to the most awkward person first. Go ahead and die quicker.

Go to the people you don't get along with. If you know that you're there, because then it's just family. Get tethered in, love them, and lay your preferences and your conveniences down.

But what's convenient for me, that's out the window. We're kingdom people. We lay our life down for others.

And then remain at your there. And when you remain at your there, the days can be complete and then things start getting brought forth. Destiny can start to happen.

But just know God's the God of the apple seed that brings fruit years later because he's doing something in that process. It's that in-between season. That's where he's a master at, with the potter and the wheel and us being the clay.

But then in that, may we wrap him. Kind of recapping before the end, but lay him, and what's he gonna rest and lay in? Manger ministries. Dead, lowly, humble vessels that do not care to be over.

If you overlook them, they weren't interested. They're not gonna care at all because they weren't ever trying to be seen. They're so comfortable in the back shelf and you making no room for them because they got overlooked.

And they're not gonna try and make sure you see them. They're not gonna pull out all the click baits and jockey for all these positions and create these false, just imagery of, I'm trying to be generic as well, but all these things that fool man to make them think you're so special so you can have greater impact, all that stuff. Nobody cares.

They just wanna love him and see him glorified. And then from this, it's gonna go from family and to. It's gonna be projected to nearby covenant houses, I believe, shepherds and their flocks, the real ones that the Lord's aligning right now in this hour.

And the end time move, I'm telling you, it's coming. And for his last time harvest, but he's gonna do it through the local body, church shepherds that are in the dark, really watching and feeding their flock, really feeding them, really eating the bread and manna of heaven, the word, and abiding in him and feeding from that place. It's gonna be healthy houses of bread.

And then heaven backing's gonna come like never before with the awe of God and the manifest glory at the same time. Point 11, why? That's verse 14, glory to God in the highest. This is where I wanna land it.

Like, why is, why? Why are we going through all these steps? What for with us? Why do we humble? Why does the Lord rest? So God may get glory in the highest. It's what this whole thing's about. I love that after all this, the angel with a multitude begin to praise God, saying glory to God in the highest.

As this progression unfolded of the Lord's first coming, well, this progression leading to his second coming is gonna do the same thing, resulting in God getting glory at the highest level. It's what this whole thing's about. And so quick recap, and then we'll pray.

Just again, that wasn't quite to the 11 points yet, but the government parallel, just to remind you of the one world order, it's just an awesome indicator that Luke 2 gives us. That you'll see kinda, he's one world control, census with financial gain in sight and also rule. And it's going to that one world control, one mark in one world currency.

And as that begins to repeat itself again, we're gonna know his first coming that was kinda similar and highlighted, well, it's coming again. But also pulling from Caesar Augustus' illustrious divine autobiography of himself, style leadership versus coming in a manger and riding out on a borrowed donkey. Like, this is what we want, go this way.

It's the way, the truth, and the life, and his name is Jesus. But back to the points, find you're there. I really pray that, I'm gonna pray right now here in a second, but I'm telling you, time's late, I didn't wear my watch tonight, but it's short, time is short, Revelation says.

He's coming, this is not the time to keep playing, be playing games, a foot in the world or not, and just kinda haphazard about the things of God. This is not the time, I'm telling you, please hear me. Please wake up, I feel it.

Wake up, get hungry again for God. Let's get sharp with our convictions, be sober. The Bible says be sober.

This is the time, and we must find you're there. This is not the time to still be out floating around just trying stuff out, and with good old number one you still at the core of why you're doing it. And networking to build it, watch all that come down so quickly.

As long as you try to network and build you and connect with that, because that'll help me, and if I know them though, they'll help me and build me and me, me, me. Watch how fast it comes down. That's not what the Lord's doing right now.

He's having people find they're there and start family. Does that look different from expression to expression, region to region, oh yeah, model to model. But he's doing that, and he's actually using family to prepare his bride for the eternal family.

And then when you're there and you get tethered into the fabric of the family of God that looks like dying and being chiseled out as a living stone from first Peter two, and cut and measured and placed, and when you fit in, that's the perfect expression of love because you're cut for the other, and we're all fit into the chief cornerstone found in Jesus Christ. That's where we wanna be. You don't wanna keep your edges and just make everybody fit to you.

That's not the end time model. That's not what he's doing right now. So start family and then remain in your there.

We must do this so the days can complete themselves because if the days don't complete, you bring forth nothing. Quit getting hurt and offended and short-circuiting your there, remain there. Just remain, just trust me, wherever that's at for you under the sound of my voice across the world, remain there.

Find it, start family, remain there, and then live a lifestyle that wraps him. Let's try and go deeper now in wrapping him. Keep all of the biblical truths that apply back to you of yes, if I read the word of God, it'll keep me pure and life will be successful.

I'll bear fruit if I abide in him because I'll bear fruit. Yeah, these are biblical truths that are amazing, but I believe things are deepening now to where we're wrapping him, and there is nothing in it for me. Will there be? Oh yeah, because that's just biblical protocol, and that's the result of these things, but may we with the temporal cost of our love begin to serve, give, obey, love, worship, adore, and wrap the Lord in this hour.

Point five, he's gonna rest fully in lowly dead vessels that look like a manger. He's coming through manger ministries and lowly abodes, vessels that, point six, are not gonna have room made for him. They're gonna get overlooked.

The masses will overlook who he's coming to and through only later to realize that they made room for so many other things and so many other ones except for the one. So be comfortable with that. Be content being back-shelfed and overlooked.

Just love him, give him glory and be content with what he's coming to. Point seven, just for us to look out for and be in the wave of God's grace and move in this last hour, he's going to spread from family to family, shepherds and flocks. What's that gonna look like? Heaven's backing like never before.

Proclamation, power, angelic, heavenly host, supernatural, but also the kingdom way of divine order. It's going to come into our homes, into our churches. Our workplace is gonna start aligning things to his order.

It looks beautiful and it flows like butter because everybody's dead and loves him and wants him enthroned. The glory of the Lord is gonna surround, point nine. So with the heavenly kingdom coming with the king is his glory, his manifest glory is gonna come again and surround, not just be in pockets, it's going to surround and envelop.

I love Isaiah six. It says that the, I believe the seraphim looked down and said, behold, the whole earth is full of his glory. We're coming into that.

Yes, deep darkness, but great glory is gonna shine. It's gonna surround the shepherds. Oh, but back to point seven, Ezekiel 34, super curate.

I believe he's affirming the good shepherds, chastising, rebuking, correcting the false ones. And the same thing with sheep, good and bad. We must lead well and follow well in this hour.

10, with the glory of the Lord's coming the awe and fear of God like never before. And number, point 11, number 11, why glory to God in the highest, that God may be glorified above it all to the highest capacity he ever could. It's always in and through his son.

So I wanna pray with you. Thank you for hanging with me in the word. I'm excited.

May he change us, transform us. And I pray that the end of this year is rich in his glory, but projects you into this next year of him taking precedent overall, knowing him and loving him above all things that he get glory. So Lord, I just thank you so much for each and every one.

I bless you again in the name of the Lord. And I pray that you'd give us grace, Lord. I pray right now even there'd be supernatural revelation for many that need to find they're there.

And I pray you'd help them clean the slate again and hear you clearly and get over preferences and circumstances and looking at all the temporal and just hear you, hear you clearly and obey. And I pray you'd help us start family, help us get over us and allow the chiseling tool of your word to make us living stones fit into one another. It ultimately locks into you the chief cornerstone, Lord.

Let us remain there once we find it. So the days can be complete. So you Jesus Christ can be brought forth through our life.

And I pray, Lord, you'd help us wrap you, make you priority and love you well, obey you, serve you, minister to you. And I pray you'd make us those manger vessels of lowliness and death. There would be living sacrifices, Romans 12, that you'd rest in fully, make us that people that are glad to be overlooked, Lord.

Let us be the ones that there's no room made for. And we're so comfortable there being back-shelved and overlooked for your glory. And Lord, I say your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

Thank you that you're starting from family, going to family. And may your glory reverential all come so you can be glorified. May you be glorified.

Glory to God in the highest in Jesus' name. Awesome. And you guys might wanna stay.

We have an incredible video that's fitting that I hope you will enjoy. Man, we love you all. We bless you in the name of the Lord, in Jesus' name.



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