

Text: Luke 2:1-7

Topics: Hardships, Sovereignty of God, Surrender

Advent: Obstacles Are Not Impossibilities for God

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Location, Location, Location

I. Travel Now? (1-5)

The connection...

To a time, place, & lineage – but not home

The conflict...

To travel in full term pregnancy

The obstacle of the location of the birth of Jesus was not impossible for God.

II. Give Birth Here? (6-7)

The conditions...

The baby was laid in a manger

The contrast...

There was no room for the newborn King

The obstacle of the location of Jesus today is not impossible.

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.*

1. Was there a time when, beyond your own doing, you found yourself in a place that was not good? How did you react?

2. Read the account of the birth of Christ in Luke 2:1-20.

What do you see that is significant about the place Jesus was born? (v. 1-7)

What do you see that is significant about the people present, and who first knew, when Jesus was born? (v. 5-12)

What do you see that was significant about what was said concerning the One just born? (v. 11)

What do you see that is significant about the praise given Jesus? (v. 13-20)

Ponder the contrasts of what happened with what one would expect for the birth of the Son of God, who came to save the world. What does it tell us about God?

3. Read Philippians 2:5-8. What does the incarnation of Christ (joining of deity with humanity) tell us about Jesus?

What does Jesus' example teach us about the hardships we face?

4. What is the main application of this study, and/or the sermon and its passages, for you?