







Background

1. There is an **expectation** that kings should be born in a palace.
2. There is **anticipation** that Messiah, a King the line/tribe of David, would come and throw off Roman oppression.
3. Joseph and Mary were expected to raise the promised Messiah.

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Keep It Simple

Sometimes you have to leave where you are, let go what you have, to remember who you are.

Luke 2:3-4 And everyone went to their own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.

Joseph and Mary were charged to bring Jesus to the world, and so are we.



Take life as it comes.

Luke 2:3-4 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn.

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Eu pur și simplu iubesc viața!
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**Mindset and Heart-set makes us believe
we don't have enough.**

**"Clutter isn't just the stuff on the floor.
It's anything that gets between you and
the life you want to be living."**

— Peter Walsh

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- **Negativity, Gossip, and Comparison.**
- **All of these can be addictions.**

⁸And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

Philippians 4:8 (NLT)

Content with and enjoy what we have.

Luke 2:7b She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger (animal trough), because there was no guest room available for them.

HARVARD STUDY: Is More Better

Would you rather have a salary of \$50,000 where everyone around you only has \$25,000?

– OR –

Make \$100,000 but everyone around you makes \$200,000?

52% of the respondents preferred the \$50K scenario.

“I’ve heard Warren (Buffet) say a half dozen times, ‘It’s not greed that drives the world, but envy.’”

— Charles Munger

¹Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? ²Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose. ³Don’t be selfish; don’t

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try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. ⁴Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. ⁵You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. ⁶Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. ⁷Instead, he gave

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up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, ⁸he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.

Philippians 2:1-8 (NLT)

How could Mary and Joseph be content in those circumstances?


