



Key Scripture:

John 1:9 NIV

The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

Not According To Plan

Luke 2:1-7 NKJV

1 And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2 This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. 3 So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city. 4 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, 5 to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. 6 So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. 7 And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Not As Planned

- ✓ **Pay Taxes** - decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.
- ✓ **Long distance travel** – Joseph & Mary went from Galilee to Bethlehem.
- ✓ **Untimely Birth** - while they were there, the time came for her to give birth.
- ✓ **No Room** - laid Him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

Factors in Planning

- ✓ **Finances**
- ✓ **The length you are willing to go**
- ✓ **Time**
- ✓ **People Included**

Notes: _____

**True Christmas
Not According To Plan**

True Christmas Planning...

1. Make your plans flexible.

Proverbs 16:9 NLT

We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps.

Proverbs 19:21 NLT

Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.

How can I make my plans in step with God's purpose for me?

2. Travel light.

Hebrews 12:1 NLT

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith,

let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up.

And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.

What is slowing me down from running with God's plans?

3. Wait on God's timing.

Galatians 4:4-5 ERV

4 But when the right time came, God sent His Son, who was born from a woman and lived under the law.

5 God did this so that He could buy the freedom of those who were under the law.

God's purpose was to make us His children.

What do I need to do to be patient without procrastinating?

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