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Sermon Notes

*The *Seeming* Obscurity in the Plan of God*
Advent Week 2: Bethlehem
December 8, 2019

What do you think of when you think of Bethlehem? What about within the context of Advent? When I think of the various elements, here is what tends to come to my mind:

Prophecy: *Certainty*. Bethlehem: *Obscurity*. Angel: *Proclamation*. Shepherd: *Gracious Invitation*.

Typology: “A type is a _____ person, event, or thing that God has _____ as a predictive pattern or resemblance of Jesus’ person or work.” -David Murray, from “Help Me Teach the Bible” podcast with Nancy Guthrie

Any focus on Bethlehem should make us also think of David, who is presented as a type in the Old Testament that the Scriptures present as a type pointing to Jesus.

David

A _____ sends his son.

The son is scorned & _____.

The son displayed complete _____ in the promises of God.

The son acts as a _____.

The son goes into battle against the enemy with an _____ weapon.

The son secures victory for the whole nation over their biggest enemy, thus releasing them from the threat of _____.

Jesus

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A question I still have: A truth I could share:

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Monday

Spend some time today doing the following:

Read the sermon passage again.
Select a portion of this week's sermon passage to memorize this week.
Write your selected portion and read it to yourself at least 10 times throughout the day.

Know > Be

Tuesday

In your journal, spend some time writing about the following:

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Write a prayer of response, guided by the passage.
(May include adoration, confession/repentance, thanksgiving, petition, etc...)
Write your selected portion of the Scripture several times to aid in memorization.

Be

Wednesday

Think about this week's questions for group discussion:

How does reflecting on the obscure elements of God's grand redemptive story cause you to marvel at him and the story he is producing?

What are some of your favorite obscure elements of that story as told throughout the Scriptures?

Be > Do

Thursday

In your journal, spend some time considering the following:

What insights have you had while internalizing this week's passage?
How specifically will you seek to apply its truths in your home/workplace/life in general?

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