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An Inconvenient Journey

¹ At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. ² (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. ⁴ And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David’s ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. ⁵ He took with him Mary, his fiancée, who was now obviously pregnant. **Luke 2:1-5 (NLT)**

Your journey...

- will be impacted by the choices of _____
- isn’t about convenience but _____

¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:16-18 (NRSV)

- could be _____ for those yet to come.

When Naomi came back from the country of Moab, Ruth, her Moabite daughter-in-law, came along with her. They happened to enter Bethlehem just when the barley harvest began.

Ruth 1:22 (GW)

⁴⁶ Mary responded, “Oh, how my soul praises the Lord. ⁴⁷ How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior! ⁴⁸ For he took notice of his lowly servant girl, and from now on all generations will call me blessed.

Luke 1:46-48 (NLT)

- often takes you where you _____ want to go to get you where you _____ to be.

² “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”

Micah 5:2 (NIV2011)

My Next Step Today Is To...

- Memorize and or meditate on Luke 1:48
- Stop focusing on the inconveniences and look for God’s transformative work.
- Trust God with my journey, inconveniences and all.
- Respond to God’s invitation to begin the journey with Him by receiving Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.