



December 7, 2025  
**THE JOURNEY OF CHRISTMAS**  
**An Inconvenient Journey**  
Luke 2:1-7  
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*What does the journey through uncertain times require?*

Faith in God's \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_:

- ① ... means we're willing to go down inconvenient \_\_\_\_\_.
- ② ... can sometimes look like \_\_\_\_\_.
- ③ ... often looks like \_\_\_\_\_ to earthly authorities.
  - a. This is not agreeing with or condoning their \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. This is done only because it pleases \_\_\_\_\_.
- ④ ... is trusting that his reign, while at times \_\_\_\_\_,  
is never \_\_\_\_\_.

**Belief in Ourselves:** The God of armies arrives when \_\_\_\_\_  
for him.

**Faith in God:** The Prince of Peace arrives on \_\_\_\_\_ terms.

Faith is the only thing that survives the \_\_\_\_\_.

God will accomplish his \_\_\_\_\_ promises through  
completely \_\_\_\_\_ plans and people.

- Have you \_\_\_\_\_ his promises?
- Are you demanding to \_\_\_\_\_ his plans?

*This sermon outline continues on the back side of this sheet.*

### **Additional sermon notes ...**

Faith and obedience along the \_\_\_\_\_  
require that we trust in Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_.

**Rest Easy Prayer:** Jesus, I \_\_\_\_\_ you're \_\_\_\_\_  
already — even if I don't see it yet!

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What does the journey through uncertain times require?

Faith in God's **plan** & **promises**:

1. ... means we're willing to go down inconvenient **paths**.
2. ... can sometimes look like **complacency**.
3. ... often looks like **obedience** to earthly authorities.
  - a. This is not agreeing with or condoning their **policies**.
  - b. This is done only because it pleases **God**.
4. ... is trusting that his reign, while at times **hidden**, is never **threatened**.

**Belief in Ourselves:** The God of armies arrives when **we fight** for him.

**Faith in God:** The Prince of Peace arrives on **his own** terms.

Faith is the only thing that survives the **unexpected**.

God will accomplish his **known** promises through completely **unknown** plans and people.

- Have you **forgotten** his promises?
- Are you demanding to **know** his plans?

Faith and obedience along the **inconvenient journey** require that we trust in Jesus' **eternal sovereignty**.

**Rest Easy Prayer:** Jesus, I **recognize** you're **reigning** already — even if I don't see it yet!