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# PLACE

**“IT’S ALL COMING TOGETHER” SERIES**

**SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE**

Your location matters and your purpose has a place. No matter what happens in your life, God is sovereign and has divinely ordered your steps. You are packed with purpose and power and have to be in the right place at the right time. Along the way, there will be significant stops to birth, protect and develop you and eventually, you will see how *it's all coming together.*

## REMEMBER

*Matthew 1:22 NIV - All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet.*

## GOD IS SOVEREIGN

SOVEREIGN - HAVING SUPREME RANK, POWER, OR AUTHORITY

*Micah 5:2 NIV - "But you, **Bethlehem** Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."*

- God is sovereign over your life and your location has already been ordained by Him.

*What is your current location? Looking back, can you see why God has placed you there?*

**EVERY SHIFT IS FOR A PURPOSE AND REASON BECAUSE GOD IS SOVEREIGN.**

## GEOGRAPHY MATTERS

IT CONTROLS THE FLOW OF FAVOR IN YOUR LIFE

- Who you are determines where you belong.
- God is leading you to a place connected to your purpose, but it will have some discomfort.
- You're not wasting time getting to your location, you're learning lessons.

*Hosea 11:1 NIV - "When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of **Egypt** I called my son."*

**YOUR PURPOSE HAS A PLACE.**

*Luke 2:4 NIV - 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*

- Bethlehem is the city of David and means the "house of bread."

- What God is doing begins with you in a certain place. But, where you start is not where you will end up.

*Are you where God called you to be?*

## WHERE YOU ARE MATTERS AS MUCH AS WHO YOU ARE.

### STOP #1 - BIRTH YOU (BETHLEHEM)

*Matthew 2:1 NIV - After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem*

- God is in every detail. Your location may not be the perfect place, but it is your birthing place.
- The house you grew up in made you for the assignment over your life.

*What are some ways your birthplace has shaped you? Has God ever put you in an undesirable place? How did you react?*

## BETHLEHEM THE PLACE CHRIST WOULD BE BORN WAS PROPHESED.

### STOP #2 - PROTECT YOU (EGYPT)

*Matthew 2:13-14 NIV - When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him." [14] So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt.*

- You can choose to focus on the enemy or God's sovereignty.
- Protection doesn't always feel like protection. Your preservation season may feel like an attack on your purpose.
- Learn to be on the time of God. When He wants you, He comes to get you.
- God is giving you a pace, let Him extend your life.

*Can you recall a time when you felt attacked, but it was only God protecting you?*

## EGYPT THE PLACE CHRIST HAD TO ESCAPE AS A CHILD WAS PROPHESED.

**THAT DISTANCE TO EGYPT IS 1678 MILES**

**3 YEARS**

**156 WEEKS**

**1095 DAYS**

- Don't focus on the time, focus on the promise.

Matthew 2:19 NIV - After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt

- The same voice that told you to go is the voice that will call you out.
- People will want you to be anxious when you should be resting. You are resting because you need strength for where you are going.

*What needs to die in you so that you can make your exit? Ego? Pride? Your will?*

## EVERYTHING IS BEING CLEARED FOR YOUR EXIT.

### STOP #3 - DEVELOP YOU (NAZARETH)

Matthew 2:20-21 NIV - and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child's life are dead." [21] So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel.

- Don't get stuck in seclusion when God wants you to come out.

John 1:46 NIV - "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip.

- Nazareth is a low place, a place of poor reputation.
- The place that you will have to stay the longest is the place that will produce the most in you.
- Just because God is using you in this place, doesn't mean you are fully ready for where He is taking you.
- You leave your development place when you can no longer do what is needed there. Stop asking for more and not wanting to move.

*What is God currently developing in you?*

Luke 2:51-52 NIV - Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. [52] And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

- God is developing us in 4 areas:
  - OBEDIENT - CHARACTER
  - WISDOM - MENTAL
  - STATURE - PHYSICAL
  - FAVOR - SPIRITUAL

*Which of the four areas do you need God to develop the most?*

## EVERY STOP IS SIGNIFICANT.

Job 23:10 NIV - But he knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold.

## QUESTION

*Can God trust you to the people He connected you to?*

## DECLARATION

*My revelation is bigger than my regrets and my obedience is creating opportunities for me. There's purpose in my process and there's a breakthrough in my bloodline.*

## PRAYER

*Dear Heavenly Father, you are God and sovereign over my life. I understand that Your Will for my life has a purpose. Help me to be obedient and submit to Your Will being confident that You know what is best for me. Thank you for my unique purpose and for ordering my steps accordingly to fulfill Your Will and the Word spoken over my life. Guide me, O thou Great Jehovah, in Jesus' name, Amen!*