



# NETCAST ORIGINAL DEVOTIONALS

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## **Devotional:**

“Get an air fryer,” I was told. “It will change everything.”

And I mean, it did. It changed the fact that I went from a person with counter space to a person with limited counter space. Also, if I wanted to air-fry some breaded mozzarella sticks from the freezer instead of microwaving them, I could. (I didn’t want to.) As life-changing appliances go, the air fryer was a dud.

But there are things that are truly life-changing. Getting a job that provides financial stability - - that’s life-changing. Getting married, yes, definitely life-changing (but maybe don’t register for an air fryer). Having kids. Losing a loved one. Moving. Receiving a diagnosis. These are moments that genuinely alter the course of a life.

In our passage today, we read about a moment that happened 2,000 years ago, a moment that wasn’t just life-changing for individuals, but world-changing. Universe-changing. Beyond what our minds can even comprehend.

When Jesus was born, the physical world God created, the mountains and oceans, sun and snow (more snow, less sun if you live in Boston... I’m just saying) collided with the eternal realm of God. God who is vast and holy, with no beginning and no end, beyond what our best telescopes or space probes can understand, entered into our world. His world. As a human baby.

Jesus, who is God, lived among us. Not flinging stars into place or receiving worship in the heavenly courts, but growing up in the Middle East with dusty feet, sweating on the walk to the temple, probably hitting his thumb while learning carpentry, eating and sleeping, getting head colds, and ultimately telling his followers that he was the long-awaited Messiah, just not in the way they expected.



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## **Devotional cont.**

Jesus came to save the world in a bigger way. He came to change everything for everyone, for all time. He came to make a way for people to be restored, for creation to be redeemed, and for the sin and brokenness that's part of all we do, to be healed.

Now that the dust has settled from the holidays and we've firmly entered into a new year (and survived our first and second blizzard), you may have lists and goals - - real things you want to change in your life. But are you grounded in the one person who matters most? The one person who can change things? Jesus.

Over the next twelve weeks, we'll spend time reading about Jesus—his life, his work, and how his death and resurrection changed everything. And it all started 2,000 years ago with his birth. Do you know this Jesus? Has he changed everything in your life? Read along with us as we grow in knowing him.



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## Reflection Questions:

- Luke emphasizes how ordinary the setting of Jesus’ birth was. What stands out to you about the humility and simplicity of the way God entered the world? How does that challenge your expectations of how God should work?
- The shepherds are the first to hear the announcement of Jesus’ birth. Why do you think God chose them? Where might God be inviting you to receive his work with trust rather than status or certainty?
- The angels declare that Jesus’ birth brings “good news of great joy for all the people”. Where do you most need that joy to be real and personal in your life right now?
- After encountering Jesus, the shepherds respond by going, telling, and praising God. Which of those responses—going, telling, or praising—do you find most natural? Which feels hardest for you in this season?
- This passage describes a moment that changed the world forever. As you consider a new year and the changes you hope for, what would it look like to anchor those hopes in Jesus rather than in circumstances or outcomes?

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