

Advance to the Manger — Day 1

The Call to Journey

Isaiah 7:14 — NLT

“All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means ‘God is with us’).”

Introduction:

Journeying to the Manger: Answering the Call

- Reflect on the significance of embarking on a spiritual journey toward the manger.
- Read Isaiah 7:14 and ponder the anticipation surrounding the promised Messiah.
- Prayer: Ask God to guide you on this Christmas journey and prepare your heart for the arrival of Christ.

Today, we begin a meaningful exploration of Isaiah 7:14, a call to advance toward the manger. This Christmas let's answer the call and respond to this most amazing invitation with intentionality and purpose.

Heart Reflection

Isaiah's words resonate deeply: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel." This serves as our guide, prompting us to advance toward the profound event that changed the course of history.

A virgin will conceive:

- The journey will include the impossible
- The journey will include the improbable
- The journey will include the incalculable

Take a moment to reflect. How does the assurance of Immanuel, "God with us," impact your perspective as you advance on this journey toward the manger?

He will be called Immanuel:

- The journey will include His presence.
- The journey will include His promise.
- The journey will include His protection.

Call To Action

Prepare — Amos 4:12 urges preparation to meet God.

- What steps can you take today to clear the path...
- What steps can you take today to make room in your heart...
- What steps can you take today for a deeper connection with God as we advance?

Trust — Luke 1:45 reminds us to trust in God's promise.

- How can cultivating trust enhance your journey toward the manger?
- Consider the role of trust as you advance with faith.

Take A Way

Let the magnitude of Isaiah 7:14 linger –

- Answer the call to advance with purpose.
- Be guided by promises.
- Take time to prepare heart.
- Commit to unwavering trust.

May this journey draw us nearer to the significance of the manger. May your journey be filled with the incredible grace and peace found in Immanuel, "God with us."

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, as we remember Your Word and respond to the call to advance, open our hearts to the beauty of this Christmas journey. May Your Spirit guide us and draw us near to the manger where we encounter the miracle of Immanuel, "God with us." In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.