

2—A Spirit of Humility

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INTRO:

I. **HEROD INQUIRING OF RABBIS** (Matthew 2:5)

II. **→ Micah 5:1-5**

*Now gather in troops, O Daughter of troops,
he has laid a siege against us.*

*The one used to judge Israel
will strike you upon your cheek with a rod.*

**→ 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 family origin is from of old,
from ancient times.**

**→ 3 Therefore he will give them over
until she will bear a child,
and the rest of his brothers return
to the children of Israel.**

**4 He will stand and shepherd
in the strength of the Yahweh,
in the majesty of the name of the Yahweh his God.**

**→ And they will abide,
for then his greatness
will reach to the ends of the earth.
And this will be peace . . .**

**6 He will deliver us from the Assyrians
when they invade our land
and march across our borders.**

BODY:

I. Significance in Obscurity

*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*

A. God does not chose people based on their greatness.

1) **THEME OF SELECTING INSIGNIFICANT PEOPLE**

2) **Exodus 3:11**

Moses—"Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

3) **Judges 6:15**

Gideon—"How can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family."

4) **1 Samuel 9:21**

Saul—"But am I not a Benjamite, from the smallest tribe of Israel, and is not my clan the least of all the clans of the tribe of Benjamin?"

2) **1 Samuel 16:7**

"The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

B. Wherever He places us, God can do great things.

1) **1 Corinthians 1:28-29**

*God chose the **lowly** things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him.*

2) **PASTORING IN COLUMBIA CITY**

II. Salvation in Lowliness

*2 whose family origin is from of **old**,
from **ancient times**.*

A. The entire nativity story is a prophecy about lowliness.

1) **Luke 2:11-12**

*“Today in the town of **David** a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby **wrapped in strips of cloth** and lying in a **manger.**”*

2) Born in Bethlehem—not in the capital

No room in the inn—not accepted by his people

Announced to shepherds—not to the noble court

Abiding in the fields—not in the royal palace

Strips of cloth —not in a baby’s robe

Grk (*esparganoménon*) wrapped in strips

Lying in a Manger—not in a royal crib

3) **DAVID MAYO BEEING A SHEEP**

B. Only in humility will we truly discover a Christian life.

1) **Philippians 2:5-7**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness.

2) **DEAR BABY JESUS**

III. Strength in Weakness

4 He will stand and **shepherd**

in the **strength** of the Yahweh,

in the majesty of the name of the Yahweh his God.

A. God’s greatest plans begin with faithfulness in little things.

1) **Psalms 78:70-71**

*He chose David his servant
and took him from the sheep pens;
from tending the sheep he brought him
to be the **shepherd** of his people Jacob,
of Israel his inheritance.*

2) **HE SEES YOU**

B. When all else fails its God's strength that carries us through.

1) **2 Corinthians 12:10**

That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2) **STANDING ON THE CORNER FOR REINDEER RUN**

OTHER SCRIPTURES:

Luke 1:38

38 "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

Luke 1:46-48

46 And Mary said:

"My soul glorifies the Lord

47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

48 for he has been mindful
of the humble state of his servant.

Luke 1:52-53

52 He has brought down rulers from their thrones
but has lifted up the humble.

53 He has filled the hungry with good things
but has sent the rich away empty.

John 1:11-12

He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.
Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he
gave the right to become children of God.