



SERMON NOTES

December 1, 2024

Speaker: Dr. Brian Bennett

“Origin Stories”

Christmas Stories: “Origin Stories”

Origin stories help us rediscover our _____ at God’s presence.

[Luke 1:1-25]

- The _____ of our stories and God’s presence is often _____.
- Responding _____: “How shall I know this”?

God’s presence will always _____ Jesus.

[Luke 1:26-34]

- We are to be a people that takes our _____ towards Jesus.
- Responding _____: “How will this be?”

God’s presence provides everything we need as we _____.

[Luke 1:35-38]

- The impossible is possible when we live the “_____”.
- True discipleship is _____ to God’s word, and will, as _____.

Next Step Questions:

- Will you turn towards Jesus today and decide to follow Him?
- How can you take time to be in His presence and do life “with God”?
- Will you make time to come into His presence and say, “let it be to me”?



Pathway Group Discussion Questions:

Note: 1, and 7-8 are general questions asked at Pathway weekly.

1. How is God at work in and around your life?
2. What have origin stories meant to you and what comes to mind when you hear that phrase? Explain.
3. Read Luke 1:8-18. How does God orchestrate the origin story of John the Baptist both blessing Elizabeth and teaching Zechariah a lesson?
4. Read Luke 1:16-17. What was the specific role that John would be given? Do you agree with that “God’s presence” will always turn us towards Jesus?
5. Read Luke 1:26-38. How does Jesus’ origin story with the announcement to Mary speak to you in a fresh way today?
6. Review these points from Pastor Brian (based on Luke 1:26-38) and discuss:
 - *God’s presence provides everything we need as we trust and obey.*
 - *The impossible is possible when we live the “with God life”.*
 - *True discipleship is submitting to God’s word, and will, as His servant.*
7. How did you answer the next step questions this week?
 - Will you turn towards Jesus today and decide to follow Him?
 - Please fill this out and let us know: www.pathwayvb.com/decided
 - How can you take time to be in His presence and do life “with God”?
 - Will you make time to come into His presence and say, “let it be to me”?
8. How can we pray for you and support you this week?

Note for life group leaders: if you need additional support or resources due to the depth of the verses and topics covered don’t hesitate to reach out: zorom@pathwayvb.com

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November 17 – November 23, 2024

FINANCIALS

Here is the weekly General giving:

\$52,982 up 39.4% to budget for W/E 11/23/24

\$1,687,650 down 2.9% to budget for Year to Date

-\$61,620 Net Revenue after including other income through October 2024

\$230,039 for Missions or 15.0% of General Giving YTD through October 2024

CONNECT

Total Worship Attendance: 1095

Online: 64

TWC Attendance Sunday: 1095

Kids Sunday: 186

Students: 231

GROW

Baptisms (YTD): 82

Discipleship Groups: 500

Salvations (YTD): 104

SERVE

People Fed at Food Pantry: 51

Weekly Volunteers: 98