

“Position” Series

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“Positioned with no room” | Luke 2:6-7; 12-14; 22-24

6 So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered.

7 And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

12 And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.”

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

14 “Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”

22 Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord

23 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the LORD”),

24 and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, “A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

It might be tight, but I'm right where I'm supposed to be.

We often mistake restriction for rejection. We assume that because we don't have wiggle room, God must have left the room. May I suggest that sometimes the lack of space isn't a sign of God's absence; it's a strategy for your advancement. Pressure has a purpose. When you feel cornered, when your options are limited, and when the walls are closing in, you aren't trapped—you are positioned. We are talking today about what happens when God strategically places you in a spot where you have no room to run, no room to lean on your own understanding, and no room to do anything but look up.

Point 1: The Promise in the Breaking

Scripture: Luke 2:6-7 – “So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered.”

In ancient Jewish culture, childbirth was a communal event, often surrounded by family and midwives. Yet Mary found herself in a foreign town, in a stable, with no room in the inn.

The breaking of her water was not just physical—it was symbolic of the breaking of expectations.

Sometimes, the breaking feels unbearable. The journey has been long, the conditions are less than ideal, and you're tired. But the breaking is not the end—it's the beginning of the promise being delivered.

"The breaking isn't a sign of abandonment; it's a sign of alignment. God's promise often comes through the cracks of our discomfort."

Point 2: Positioned for Purpose, Not Perfection

Scripture: Luke 2:12 – "And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."

The manger was a feeding trough for animals, a place of humility and simplicity. It was not the palace one would expect for the birth of a King. Yet, God chose this setting to show that His presence doesn't require perfection.

We often wait for perfect conditions to step into our purpose. But God doesn't need perfection—He needs completion. The manger wasn't perfect, but it was ready.

"God doesn't need a palace to birth a promise. He just needs a place that's available."

Point 3: No Room, But Still Positioned

Scripture: Psalm 23:5 – "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies."

Bethlehem was overcrowded due to the census, and no one made room for Mary and Joseph. Yet, God orchestrated their steps to fulfill prophecy (Micah 5:2). The lack of room didn't stop God's plan—it positioned them for His purpose.

When it feels like there's no room for you—no room in the industry, no room in the conversation, no room in the opportunity—remember that God doesn't need their room to fulfill His promise. He creates space where there is none.

"The absence of room is not the absence of God. It's the setup for His glory to shine in unexpected places."

Conclusion:

The breaking is part of the process. The conditions don't have to be perfect, just completed. And no room doesn't mean no God. Stop waiting for perfect conditions to step into what God has called you to do. Trust that He has positioned you exactly where you need to be, even if it doesn't look like what you expected.

"The manger wasn't the end of the story—it was the beginning. Your 'no room' moment is not your limitation; it's your launching pad for God's promise to be fulfilled."