

Beautiful Mess: Making Room For Jesus This Christmas!

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Luke 2:1, *In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. 2 (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) 3 And everyone went to their own town to register. 4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped Him in cloths and placed Him in a manger, **because there was no guest room available for them.***

How Can We Make Room For Jesus This Christmas?

1 - Carve Out Moments For God In Your **BUSY SCHEDULE**

Psalm 46:10, *He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."*

2 - Make Room For God's Word **EVERY DAY**

Hebrews 4:12, *For the Word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.*

Joshua 1:8, *Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.*

3 - Reflect On What God Has DONE FOR YOU

Deuteronomy 6:12, *be careful that you do not forget the Lord, Who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.*

Deuteronomy 8:2, *Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep His commands.*

4 - Be Honest With God And Others About Your FAILURES

Psalm 139:23, *Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. 24 See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*

5 - Let God Heal Your BROKENNESS

Psalm 34:18, *The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.*

Isaiah 43:2, *When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.*

6 - Gain Strength Through God's Spirit And GOD'S PEOPLE

Ephesians 3:16, *I pray that out of His glorious riches He may **strengthen you with power through His Spirit** in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, **together with all the Lord's holy people**, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.*

7 - Ask God To Do Something Special Through You THIS CHRISTMAS

Matthew 5:14, *"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven.*

Next Steps:

-Follow along in our Daily Advent Devotional. You can find it in the Creek Guide or follow the Pastor at:

[www. johnmarkcaton.com](http://www.johnmarkcaton.com)

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-Invite someone to join you at one of Cottonwood Creek's Christmas Eve Services at 1:00p, 3:00p, 5:00p, or 7:00p.

-If you want to learn more about Home and Life Groups, or have a question about Cottonwood Creek, stop by the Connect Wall in the Atrium.