

## The Journey We Didn't Choose

### 5-Day Devotion

#### Day 1:

**Scripture:** "In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered." - Luke 2:1

**Reflection:** God often works through unexpected circumstances to accomplish His purposes.

**Application:** Consider how God may be working through an unexpected situation in your life right now.

**Prayer:** Lord, help me trust Your plan even when I don't understand it.

#### Day 2:

**Scripture:** "And Joseph also went up from Galilee...to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child." - Luke 2:4-5

**Reflection:** Mary and Joseph had to take a difficult journey at an inconvenient time.

**Application:** What challenging "journey" is God calling you to take right now?

**Prayer:** God, give me courage to follow You even when it's difficult.

#### Day 3:

**Scripture:** "And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger" - Luke 2:7

**Reflection:** God's plans often unfold in unexpected ways and places.

**Application:** Look for God at work in the ordinary, unexpected parts of your day.

**Prayer:** Jesus, open my eyes to see You working in unexpected ways.

#### Day 4:

**Scripture:** "But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel" - Micah 5:2

**Reflection:** God's timing is perfect, even when it doesn't align with our plans.

**Application:** Trust God's timing in an area where you're feeling impatient.

**Prayer:** Father, help me trust Your perfect timing.

**Day 5:**

**Scripture:** "Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds" - James 1:2

**Reflection:** God uses difficult circumstances to build our character.

**Application:** Choose joy today in the midst of a challenging situation.

**Prayer:** Holy Spirit, produce the fruit of joy in me today.