

A Personal Response

The point that struck me the most from *Visions and Revelations - The Shepherds in the Field* (message 5) was concerning Jesus being born on the roadside. I feel like it spoke to my current situation.

To give a little background, I'm the kind of person that doesn't like big changes very much. Moving to Cleveland, Ohio when I was in junior high was a big change for me and I discovered I didn't like moving very much. I don't like the idea of not having a place to settle. On my own, I have never made plans to move. Not for school, not for work, not for anything. And yet, Jesus said He had no place to lay His head.

In the last 2 years, I have moved twice for Jesus. The first time was when I joined the 10-month labor and the second time was when the Lord Jesus asked me to serve Him full-time for a year. Fortunately, those moves were pretty quick since they were within the metro Cleveland area. It was manageable, because I knew I was moving for the Lord, and I was still close to Cleveland. I saw no need to move elsewhere because I felt very satisfied with my church life with the saints here.

The week before Cuyahoga County discovered our first 3 cases of COVID-19, I was asked to join a group of saints who would be moving to North Carolina to pioneer a testimony for the Lord Jesus there. I was struggling really hard with the decision. My immediate thought was, "No! Absolutely not! There is no way I would want to leave here." But, for some reason, I could not say "No" outright. I had to spend a lot of time in prayer with the Lord Jesus and in fellowship with the saints. My prayer became, "Lord Jesus, if this is from You, then You have to change my heart."

He did. And now, after listening to message 5, I realize that the Lord Jesus is leading me to have a roadside experience. The roadside means that you cannot become settled. (Oh, but how I would love to be settled!) The roadside also means you can go in all directions. I believe the Lord Jesus is leading me to leave Cleveland and join the saints who will be going to North Carolina. It will probably be the biggest change in my life that I have experienced up to this point (aside from receiving Jesus of course). But I realize that Jesus has changed my heart; so now my prayer can be, "Lord, wherever You tell me to go, I will go! Because I am on the roadside."

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