

THE ROAD OF LOVE

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THE DUSTY ROAD — PART 2

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[Luke 2:1-5](#) — In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole empire should be registered. 2 This first registration took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. 3 So everyone went to be registered, each to his own town. 4 Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family line of David.

On the “Dusty Road”...

1. Reflect on God’s LOVE for YOU!

[1 John 4:8-10](#) — ... God is love. 9 God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent His one and only Son into the world so that we might live through Him. 10 Love consists in this: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

[Isaiah 9:6](#) — For a child will be born for us, a son will be given to us, and the government will be on his shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

• MIGHTY GOD (gib-bor-el) — STRONG WARRIOR, POWERFUL GOD

• EVERLASTING FATHER (ad-ab) — CONTINUING; ETERNAL FATHER

2. REFUEL your faith with love.

a. The greatest force on earth is love when it is directed toward GOD and OTHERS.

[1 John 4:19](#) — We love because He first loved us.

[Matthew 22:37-39](#) — He said to him, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. 38 This is the greatest and most important command. 39 The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.

b. Love motivates...

[1 Corinthians 13:7-8](#) — It BEARS all things, BELIEVES all things, HOPES all things, ENDURES all things. 8 Love

NEVER ends .

[Romans 8:37-39](#) — No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

[John 15:13](#) — No one has greater love than this: to lay down his life for his friends.

[1 Corinthians 13:13](#) — Now these three remain: faith, hope, and love—but the greatest of these is love.

Big Take-Away:

The best YOU awaits at the end of your journey. Let LOVE motivate you to stay the course and FINISH WELL!

[James 1:2-4](#) — Consider it a great joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you experience various trials, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance. 4 And let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing.

Are you ready to accept Jesus today?

Just pray a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior. In Your Name. Amen

Did you pray to receive Christ today? If yes, then let us know. Text "**NEXT**" to **573-340-4037**

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