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NOTHING ABOUT JESUS' LIFE IS WITHOUT SIGNIFICANCE.

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Too little to be among the clans of Judah,
From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel.
His goings forth are from long ago,
From the days of eternity."*

Micah 5:2

POINTS TO SOMETHING GOD KNOWS ABOUT US.

- ↳ Something we feel every day in our body...
- ↳ Something we sometimes feel from an even deeper place
 - ↳ Jesus, after all, IS the "WORD of GOD" ...
He is God trying to communicate.
 - ↳ Doesn't bash you over head...
offers, appeals, draws

FOLLOW THE THREAD — From the very beginning of Scripture

THE POINT: WE HAVE A DEEPER HUNGER.

THE PROBLEM: TURNING AWAY FROM THE ONLY THING THAT SATISFIES THAT HUNGER (a.k.a. Sin)

Why we do this? Lots of reasons...

- Ignorance
- Burned by Religion
- Confusing Jesus with Religion
- We don't want to trust someone we don't know – God
- Pride: We think we are good as is... don't need this

HUNGER FOR CONNECTION WITH GOD — WHAT WE NEED IS A TOUCH FROM GOD.

- For centuries, in all kinds of ways God is like:
"ahem... over here!"
- Prophecies
- Angels
- Creation itself
- People's lives transformed
- The cross... the resurrection

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John 6:35

HOW TO EXPERIENCE A TOUCH FROM GOD THIS CHRISTMAS

1. Admit the hunger... the need... the problem.
2. Take a step of faith.
3. "Come and behold him..."
move... let God draw you closer!



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