

## *Shockwaves*

- Definition: a sharp change of pressure.  
a widespread feeling of shock  
caused by an unexpected event.
  - Physical
  - Emotional
  - Societal
  - Big events have big shockwaves: You cannot miss it!
- Except...
- What is it like when God enters our world? Or your world?
  - Pray that we will hear God's voice

*What at first seems small...*

*Luke 2:1-7*

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In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register.

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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. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 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.

God entered our world almost silently in the birth of Jesus

- Jesus is His answer for all that is deeply broken in our lives and in our world
- Yet He came without hardly a sound

God enters our lives almost silently, speaking through His Word and through His people by His Spirit

- Will we hear Him?
- How do you listen for quiet and important things?
- How can we listen for God, even today and tomorrow?

Samuel, a young boy in the Temple, heard something, but he wasn't sure who it was. A wise man told Him to pray, "Speak, for your servant is listening." *1 Samuel 3*

The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

And the LORD spoke...

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We say, “Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.”

How silently, how silently  
The wondrous gift is given  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of His heaven  
No ear may hear His coming  
But in this world of sin  
Where meek souls will receive him still  
The dear Christ enters in

imparts = gives  
meek = humble