

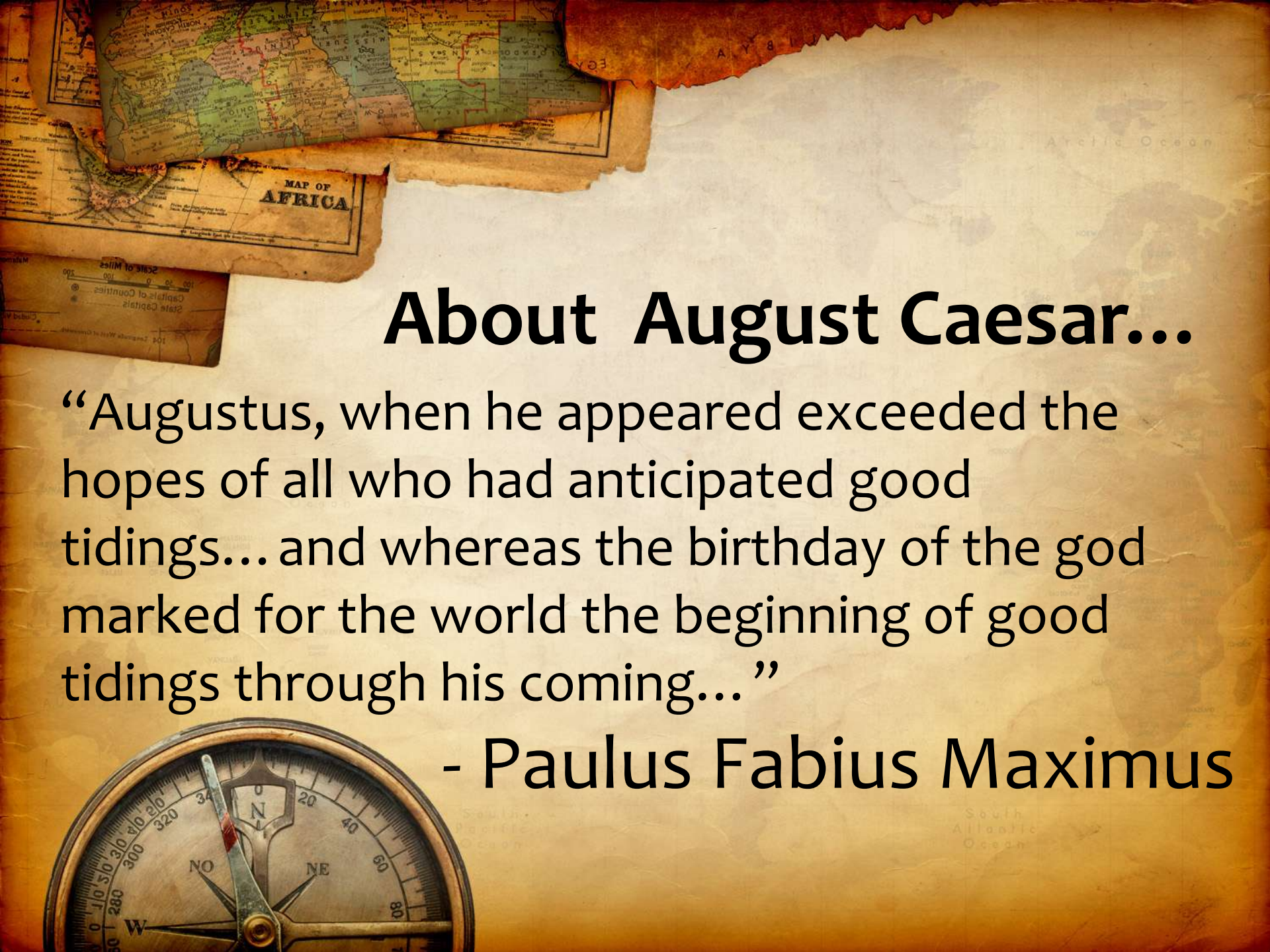
Philippians 4:8

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

His Mission, Our Mission

Luke 2:25-33



The background is a textured, aged parchment. In the top left, there are several overlapping maps. One map is clearly labeled 'MAP OF AFRICA' and shows the continent with various regions and cities. Another map shows a larger geographical area with labels like 'Arctic Ocean' and 'South Atlantic Ocean'. In the bottom left corner, there is a detailed illustration of a compass rose with a needle pointing towards the top, and degree markings around the perimeter.

About August Caesar...

“Augustus, when he appeared exceeded the hopes of all who had anticipated good tidings... and whereas the birthday of the god marked for the world the beginning of good tidings through his coming...”

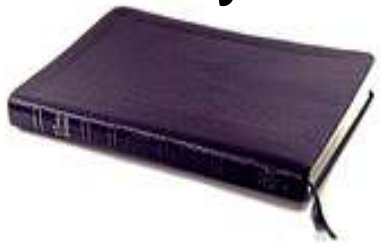
- Paulus Fabius Maximus

Luke 2:1 Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. **2** This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. **3** And everyone was on his way to register for the census, each to his own city. **4** Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, **5** in order to register along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child. **6** While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth.

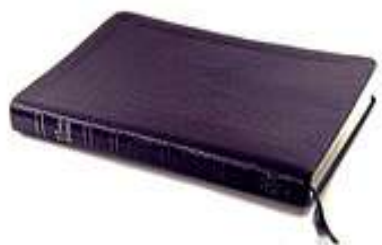


7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. **9** And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. **10** But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; **11** for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.



27 And he came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to carry out for Him the custom of the Law, **28** then he took Him into his arms, and blessed God, and said, **29** "Now Lord, You are releasing Your bond-servant to depart in peace, According to Your word; **30** For my eyes have seen Your salvation, **31** Which You have prepared in the presence of all peoples, **32** a light of revelation to the gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel." **33** And His father and mother were amazed at the things which were being said about Him.



36 And there was a prophetess, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years and had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, **37** and then as a widow to the age of eighty-four . She never left the temple, serving night and day with fastings and prayers. **38** At that very moment she came up and began giving thanks to God, and continued to speak of Him to all those who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.



Christ's Mission Used Ordinary People.



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Shepherds



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Shepherds

Simeon



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Anna



God Uses Ordinary People Today.



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*God can use ordinary
people in ordinary ways
to accomplish
extraordinary things.*



Christ's Mission Was Not Easy.



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"Behold, this Child is appointed for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and for a sign to be opposed - and a sword will pierce even your own soul - to the end that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

- Luke 2:34-35



**Our Mission Is
Not Easy.**



Our Mission Is Not Easy.

*Myth: God just wants
me to be happy.*



Our Mission Is Not Easy.

*Better: God wants me
to be holy.*



Our Mission Is Not Easy.

*Myth: God wants me
to be wealthy.*



Our Mission Is Not Easy.

*Better: God wants me
to be faithful.*



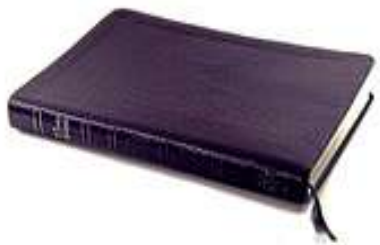
Our Mission Is Not Easy.

*Myth: God won't give
me more than I can
handle.*



1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.



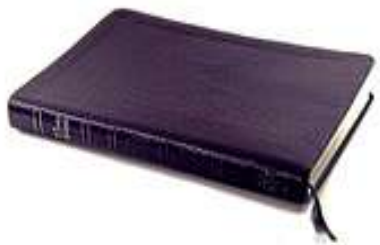
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“We were taught never to think of what might never be, but to be fully available right where we were.”



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