



ALL IN in 2019

December 15, 2019

Dr. Jerry Edmonson, *Founding and Lead Pastor*
IGNITE – Spark Your Creativity – Luke 2:8-20

How many of you would say you are creative?

Creativity – the ability to bring something into existence, to produce or bring about by a course of action or behavior, to bring into being, beget, give birth to, cause to grow.

*In the beginning, **God created** the heavens and the earth.*
Genesis 1:1

So God **created** man **in his own image**, in the image of God he **created** him; male and female he **created** them.
Genesis 1:27

Creativity is not a mood. Creativity is not a gift. It's the very nature of God inside of you.
Dan McCollam

Creativity is the way I share my soul with the world.
Brene Brown

There is something powerful about the kind of creativity that **creates** room for **others**.

*The Christian should be the person who is alive, whose imagination absolutely boils, which moves, which produces something a bit different from God's world because **God made us to be creative**.*
Francis Schaeffer

Creativity can happen when our **world** intersects with God's **Good News**.

And in the same region there were **shepherds out in the field**, keeping watch over their flock by night. And **an angel of the Lord** appeared to them, and **the glory of the Lord** shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, **I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people**. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be **a sign for you**: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."
Luke 2:8-12

Creativity is piercing the mundane to find the marvelous.
Bill Moyers

Creativity can lead to God's **praise** and our **peace**.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host **praising God** and saying, "**Glory to God in the highest**, and on earth **peace among those with whom he is pleased!**"
Luke 2:13-14

Creativity can be a light **pointing** the way to Jesus.

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "**Let us go** over to Bethlehem and **see this thing** that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."
Luke 2:15

Creativity can create a **treasure** of **wonder** and awe.

And **they went** with haste and **found Mary and Joseph, and the baby** lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And **all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them**. But **Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart**. And the **shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen**, as it had been told them. Luke 2:16-20

The coming of Jesus was a **creative** gift that **changed** the **world**.

*If **need** is the **catalyst** for creativity, then **comfort** is the **enemy** of creativity. You must see your challenges as an opportunity for creativity to emerge as a natural part of your expression.*
Paul A. Adefarasin

Four Ways to Spark Your **Creativity** this Christmas:

Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.
Arthur Ashe

- Pray to see **God** in the midst of your Christmas.
- Be **present** to what God is **saying** and doing.
- Do something **different** from the ordinary.
- Focus on the **glory** of God and the **Gospel** of Jesus Christ.