

Do You See What I See?

The birth of Jesus through the eyes of Joseph | Trent Thompson

Matthew 1:18-25, 2:13-15, 19-23

Joseph teaches us three lessons about surrender to God's plan in the gospel of Matthew.

The formation of our character prepares us to surrender our plans for God's. (19)

Surrendering our plans for God's sometimes means losing status in the world. (18, 22-23)

Surrendering our plans for God's means taking up work that is beyond our capability. (1:20-21, 2:13-15, 19-23)

1. What stood out to you from this passage or the sermon?
2. What do you think would have been most challenging about being Joseph? What would have been most exciting?
3. How has following Jesus made you lay down your own plans for God's?
4. Assuming we know God's plans are always better than ours, why is it often hard to let go of our own plans?
5. This December what is one way you can lay down your own plans to join God in His?

Challenge Verse

Each week we want to challenge you to memorize 1 verse from our teaching passage. This week's verse is *Matthew 1:24-25*

When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.