

“Stations of the Nativity”
Station #5 - Joseph’s Dream
“THE JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME” Series
Message #3 of 7

“GOD’S PLANS & YOUR PLANS”

Despite our doubts or misgivings, God is busily at work in our lives to work out all things for His glory and our good.

Matthew 1:18-25 / December 15, 2019

- “Life is what happens to us while we are making other plans.” - Allen Saunders
- “If you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans.” - Sarah

1. THE LORD ... PLANNED –

“But before they came together, Mary was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit.” - v.18b

Before you had plans, God had plans for you.

- WHAT HAVE YOU ALREADY ‘FOUND’ YOURSELF ‘WITH’?
- WHAT DOES GOD WANT YOU TO BE ‘FOUND WITH’?

JOSEPH’S RESPONSE ... DIVORCE – v.19

2. THE LORD ... APPEARED –

“After Joseph had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said ...” - v.20a

“The butterfly does not look back at the caterpillar in shame, just as you should not look back at your past in shame. Your past was part of your own transformation.” - Anthony Gucciardi

- WHERE HAS GOD APPEARED TO YOU?
- WHERE DOES GOD WANT TO APPEAR TO YOU?

3. THE LORD ... CONCEIVED –

“What is conceived in Mary is from the Holy Spirit.” - v.20c

“Though no one can go back and make a brand-new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand-new ending.” - James R. Sherman

- WHAT DOES GOD WANT TO ‘CONCEIVE’ IN YOU?
- WHAT HAS GOD CONCEIVED FOR YOU?

4. THE LORD ... FULFILLED –

“All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet.” - v.22

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.” – Is. 43:18-19

- WHAT HAS GOD ALREADY FULFILLED IN YOU?
- WHAT DOES GOD WANT TO STILL FULFILL IN YOU?

JOSEPH’S RESPONSE ... COURAGE – v.24-25

Revelation 21:1-3
2nd Corinthians 5:17