



UNEXPECTED | UNEXPECTED PROTECTOR | MATTHEW 1:18-25

Most of us don't mind plans changing a little. What we struggle with are disruptions that we didn't ask for. This message explores what happens when God steps into a situation that feels confusing, costly, and out of our control.

## SERMON NOTES:

Main points, questions or things that stuck out to you.

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## FURTHER STUDY:

### Cross References, Resources, etc.

- Micah 6:8; Isaiah 55:8-9; Romans 8:28; Luke 1:38

# SMALL GROUP NOTES

## GROUND RULES

What's said in a group stays in the group.

Encourage others and hold yourself accountable.

Where is it written in the Bible?

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

- What does Joseph's internal struggle reveal about the tension between human plans and God's purposes in the story?

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- How does the angel's message to Joseph challenge his understanding of righteousness and God's plan

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- How is Joseph's obedience a model for understanding God's plan in ways that go beyond human logic?

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### WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR ME?

- What is most difficult for you about surrendering your plans when God might actually be at work in that disruption?

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- How do you discern the difference between your own understanding of a situation and God's greater perspective?

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- How might choosing obedience in the midst of disruptions, and without all the answers, deepen your trust in God?

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Read Ahead: Luke 2:8–20