

Outline – December 13, 2020
Matthew 1:18-25
Peace With Your Family (Joseph's Story)
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

For Many, Christmas Is A Time For Family

- I. **The pain we face when we lack peace in our family**
 - A. The warning/counsel we find in scripture
 - 1. Malachi 4:5-6
 - 2. Ephesians 6:1-2
 - B. When Jesus was born
 - 1. A family was given to Jesus, Mary & Joseph
 - 2. Angels rejoiced
 - 3. Demons shrieked
 - 4. Satan planned

- II. **The scheme of the evil one**
 - A. Divide Mary and Joseph
 - B. Kill the baby (Jesus)
 - C. Enslave the people

- III. **The importance of unity (in the family)**
 - A. The desire of the Savior (John 17:22)
 - B. The delight of the saved (Psalm 133:1)
 - C. The dread of Satan
 - D. How a team (family) win (Coach John Wooten)
 - 1. Get players into condition
 - 2. Perfect the basics
 - 3. Play as a team

- IV. **The key to family unity (importance of the father)**
 - A. Joseph's key role in the life of Jesus
 - 1. Protector (against opposition)
 - 2. Provider (safety, security, stability)
 - 3. Planner (per God's instruction)
 - 4. The various types of dads...
 - B. Joseph created a sense of peace for his family
 - C. How did Joseph create peace within his family (against all odds)?
 - 1. He listened to God
 - 2. He loved Mary and Jesus (more than himself - sacrificially)
 - 3. He lived for them

4. He led them to safety
5. He learned Mary's son would save the world
6. He lifted the burden off of Mary
7. He lowered himself (humility) before God

V. The results of Joseph's place in his family

- A. Prophecy was fulfilled (used of God)
 1. Bethlehem
 2. Egypt
 3. Nazareth
- B. Messiah was born
 1. Immanuel – God with us
 2. Savior of world
 3. Giver of life
- C. Messiah was protected
- D. Mary became Joseph's wife
- E. The world can now have salvation, forgiveness, hope and peace on earth with whom He is pleased
- F. Unity is the delight of the saved
 1. Unity lifts burdens
 2. Unity breaks chains

VI. The dread of Satan (is unity)

- A. Chains are broken
- B. Faith increases
- C. Hearts are at peace
- D. Unity is experienced
- E. Jesus is worshiped

**Jesus Was Born
He Came To Save You
He Came To Bring Peace To You And Your Family**

