

Sunday – December 10, 2023

Advent Sermon Series: “When God?”

Second Sunday of Advent - Preparation



***“When God Builds a Family”
Matthew 1:18-24***

Family parties, family dinners, family Christmas cards. This season of the year we are told that our thoughts go towards family. For some those thoughts are not so wonderful. In God’s plan, He chose to use a family to deliver his promise of hope and salvation. Joseph and Mary were not the perfect family, but the one God chose to use- just like he can for you.

Verse for the month, “in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began and at the proper time manifested in his word. *Titus 1:2-3*

FAMILIES ARE _____:

Read *Matthew 1:18-19*

Jesus’ family was not _____ and neither is mine.

God can bring change to my family.

FAMILIES ARE _____ TO GOD:

Read *Matthew 1:20-25* and *Luke 1:26-35*.

Am I open for God to step into my family?

How do I show God that I am open, or not open to him stepping into my family’s story?

FAMILIES _____ THROUGH:

“For nothing will be impossible with God.” And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her. Luke 1:37-38

“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. Matthew 1:24-25

When the going gets tough in my family, where do I turn?

Mary’s statement again, “nothing is impossible with God”

How do I live and believe that for my family? What prayer can I make for them with this promise in mind?

MY FAMILY SURVIVAL GUIDE THIS YEAR:

- ✓ Will I invite God into my imperfect family?
- ✓ With His help, will I hold on for the long haul?
- ✓ Can I find someone who needs help to hold on and walk with them?

*Next Week: When God Came for Dinner”
3rd Sunday of Advent ~ Incarnation”*