

For the week of December 12, 2021
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Thwarted Expectations

Third week in the series: Good News, Great Joy
Matthew 1:18-25

Joseph was betrothed to Mary. He expected to marry a non-pregnant woman, but his betrothal turned into something else. What do you do when your expectations turn into something else?

Discussion Questions:

1. Clearly, God doesn't deem it necessary to inform us about everything that's going on. What do you think about that?
2. Interact with these statements:
 - a. God is doing something much bigger than you can imagine.
 - b. An obstacle to you may be a stepping stone for God.
 - c. You can't outdream God.
3. Interact with this quote from Jim Elliot: "Is it not, for all its sting, a wonderful way to live? To dream and want and pray, almost savagely; then to commit and wait and see him quietly pile all dreams aside and replace them with what we could not dream, the realized will?"
4. Interact with this statement: Why doesn't God deem it necessary to inform us about everything that's going on? Because he leaves room for something that he does deem necessary: he leaves room for faith.