


Things you may have never been told ...


- **Matthew 1:18-25 NKJV**
 - Joseph perspective ... *Have you ever been there before?*

1. Realize God is not surprised by your circumstances and has already been at work.

 Before you even knew you would be in the situation you are in, God knew and He has already been working things out behind the scenes on your behalf.

- John 1:46 NKJV ... "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"
- Isaiah 11:1 KJV ... And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:
- Luke 1:26 NKJV ... And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth...
- Matthew 5:14 KJV ... A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.
- Luke 1:38 NKJV ... Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.
- John 1:14 NKJV ... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.
- Matthew 13:55 NKJV ... Is this not the carpenter's son?
- Mark 6:3 NKJV ... Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?" So they were offended at Him.
- Ephesians 2:10 NLT ... For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.
- Mt 1:18 NKJV ... Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.
- Matthew 1:19 NKJV ... Then Joseph her husband, being [f]a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly.


2. He Will Speak to Who He Needs to Speak to

 Joseph acts with kindness and mercy and Mary is left trusting God to work it out. Gabriel Now Speaks to Him

- Matthew 1:20 NKJV ... But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is [g]conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. 21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."
- Matthew 1:24-25 NKJV ... Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, 25 and [i]did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

You don't have to make sure you cover all your bases, you don't have to try to make everyone understand, you don't have to do the convincing, you need to stand still and see the salvation of the Lord. You need to trust that God is working it out.

3. He Will Move What He Needs to Move – maybe leave out for time

 You can trust God to work it out, if your life is committed to fulfilling His will... because He will move whatever He needs to move in order to let you wherever you need to be

- He will move people out of your way that are standing in your way.
- He will move laws and governments and taxes out of the way.
- He will move oceans out of the way – remember the Red Sea.
- Giants out of the way – remember Goliath.
- He will move crowds out of the way – remember the women with the issue of blood.

God is the master mover!

- John 1:14-15 Msg ... The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood. We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one-of-a-kind glory, like Father, like Son, Generous inside and out, true from start to finish. 15 John pointed him out and called, "This is the One"

God was moved with Love and Compassion for all, and this is what Christmas is all about!