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# YOU AND GOD

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SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

*NewLife*  
COVENANT CHURCH SOUTHEAST

This is the season of making room for God to come through your life. You must check your circle. Who you give proximity in your life determines the "air" that is given me to expand. You cannot afford to be around dead weight, your circle can deplete you or blow you up. Who you let get close to you determines the kinds of air you get. Who does God send to make sure you reach your full potential?

What you are holding is spiritual, so God is sending people around that have already had a God encounter. Your purpose partners are about to show up. Today we look at a special person that has the capacity to deal with your future.

### **JOSEPH HAS A GOD CONSCIOUS.**

*Matthew 1:29 NIV - Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law,*

- Everyone needs someone in their life who is faithful, and can hear the word of the Lord.
- God will put something inside of you that will eventually unfold.
- You are picked to cover and carry, everybody can't be the birther
- God does not give big things to small people
- Your partners for your purpose are about to show up

*How can you partner with others to birth their purpose? Who has partnered with you to birth your purpose?*

### **BECAUSE OF GOD JOSEPH BROUGHT THE FOLLOWING BRING YOUR COMPASSION**

*Matthew 1:19b - and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.*

- It takes a special person to handle your purpose
- You need somebody to look beyond the confusion
- Get away from people who want to disgrace you publicly
- God is about to put people around you who is able to cover your future and destiny
- Everything about you is about to go to another level
- You must focus on delivery and producing what God has called you to
- God is putting people around you that will be extensions of God love for you

- You have to trust somebody because if you have to do it all it will cause you to miscarry
- Purpose partners will relieve you of some stress

*Who do you trust? How have they helped you deal with what you are carrying? What are your purpose partners speaking over you?*

*1 Corinthians 13:5 NIV - It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.*

- If God can forget I can forget
- We have to cultivate compassion in our lives
- Our only motive should be to love, nourish and show mercy.

*What motives do you have in covering your assignment? How can you model compassion to those you partner with?*

## BRING YOUR ABILITY TO HEAR

*Matthew 1:20 NIV - But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.*

- Pay attention to your dreams
- We have to be able to hear from God
- This thing that you are carrying is from God
- God is dealing with your fears
- Don't let others get in your ear about what God said
- Some instructions are so spiritual that you cannot talk to carnal people about them
- You cannot make carnal people understand the things God has said
- Do not be afraid of the instructions God gives you, because it has divine purpose

*How do you follow instructions from God even if it does not line up with your senses? What fear is God addressing in your life currently?*

*Matthew 2:12-13a NIV - [12] And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route. [13a] When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up,"*

- God will send the right people in your life
- God has assigned purpose partners who will speak God's instructions
- What you are carrying is about to be protected

- Your covering will lead the way,
- Obedience is the key to your purpose

*Recall a time God took you another route in your life, how did you deal with it? How do you deal with following others God has sent to cover you?*

*Matthew 2:19-20a NIV - [19] After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt [20a] and said, "Get up"*

- God is going to only put people around you that speak life
- Monitor their words but they will be trustworthy
- If you carry it, you will see it grow through maturity
- Demons are only intimidated by your future
- What is spoke to you is to ensure what you carry makes it to its destination
- Thus saith the Lord you will be alright
- What God started he's going to finish
- Your Joseph will "Get Up" and move on your behalf.

*What are you carrying that the enemy is after?*

## **BRING YOUR ABILITY TO LEAD**

*Matthew 1:24 NIV -When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.*

- Your Joseph will take you to a place of covenant
- You need a Joseph in your life who will obey the instruction of the Lord.
- You need a Joseph in your life who can hear the word of the Lord.
- The carrier of the promise must follow your Joseph

*How can you hear the word of the Lord with clarity and lead your Mary to their purpose? How do you follow where your Joseph leads you?*

*Matthew 2:14 NIV - So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt*

- Sometimes we will be put in uncomfortable situations
- Sit for a season this is not a permanent address it's just your Egypt
- We have to wait on something to die
- When they die you will shift to a Season of permanent, but you had to go through a season of turbulence
- What used to chase you will no longer chase you
- God has slayed your enemies

- You still need your purpose partner in your life, your promise needs both of you  
*What do you do when God instructs you to move? How do you wait for the next instruction?*

*Matthew 2:21, 23 NIV - [21] **So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel.** [23] and **he went and lived in a town called Nazareth.** So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene*

- Your obedience will break generational curses
- God sent you this way for a reason
- Your circle has to stay small because of what you are carrying
- Your circle is small because what God put in you everyone can't understand
- All things are working together for your good

*What is your obedience to God causing to be fulfilled in your life?*

*Galatians 1:10 NIV - Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.*

- We should be winning God's approval and not man
- Don't worry about what is said about you
- Do what God tells you to do no matter how crazy it sounds.

*What is your true purpose in serving God? Who resonates with you more Mary or Joseph?*

## QUESTION

*In this season are you the birther(Mary) or the carrier(Joseph)? How has this lesson helped you know your role?*

## DECLARATION

I decree and declare that I will follow the instructions of the Lord for the purpose and plan of God, whether I'm the carrier or the follower.

## PRAYER

*Father God, I thank You for all that You have filled me with. I thank You for the plans You have to prosper and not harm me, plans to give me a hope and a future. I thank You for sending me a Joseph to help me in the birthing room. I pray that Your hand stay on my life as I navigate in my season as a Mary so that I can become Joseph for someone else. I decree and declare that I will use my gifts for Your glory in Jesus' name, Amen!*