

Month of Miracles — Stay With My Plan

1. Lesson Summary & Objective

This lesson explores Joseph's obedience in Matthew 1:18–25 as a model for participating in God's miraculous plans. The objective is to help participants recognize that God's plans often unfold through confusion, responsibility, and obedience, and to encourage believers to partner with God, protect what He entrusts to them, and proclaim His promises by faith.

2. Key Scripture Passages

- Matthew 1:18–25 (NLT)
- Matthew 1:20–21, 25
- Proverbs 16:9
- Amos 3:3
- 2 Timothy 1:14
- Psalm 91:10–11
- Luke 1:31–33
- Romans 10:9–10
- Isaiah 55:8–9
- Galatians 6:9

3. Lesson Points & Discussion

Point 1: Partnership — “Consider This...”

Joseph's participation in the miracle began when he paused to consider his situation rather than react in despair. God met him in deliberation, revealing that partnership with heaven requires openness, prayer, and willingness to align with God's direction, even when the situation does not make sense.

Key Scriptures: Matthew 1:20; Proverbs 16:9; Amos 3:3

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think God spoke to Joseph while he was considering his options rather than after he decided?
2. How can we posture ourselves to partner with God instead of panicking when life feels uncertain?

Point 2: Protection — “In Need, You Must Protect What’s Mine”

Although Joseph did not create the miracle, he was entrusted to protect what God placed in Mary. Obedience positioned Joseph to safeguard something divine despite fear, misunderstanding, and potential shame. God often entrusts us with assignments that require faithfulness before understanding.

Key Scriptures: Matthew 1:20b; 2 Timothy 1:14; Psalm 91:10–11

Discussion Questions:

1. What are some ways God may ask us to protect something we did not create or fully understand?
2. What pressures or fears most often tempt people to abandon God’s plan?

Point 3: Proclamation — “Name Him Jesus!”

Joseph’s obedience culminated in proclamation. By naming Jesus, Joseph publicly identified with God’s plan and activated his role in the miracle. Faith was expressed through spoken obedience, reminding us that God’s promises are often advanced through declaration.

Key Scriptures: Matthew 1:21, 25; Luke 1:31–33; Romans 10:9–10

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is proclamation an essential part of faith and obedience?
2. What promises from God do you need to begin declaring out loud?

Closing Reflection & Declaration

Joseph’s obedience demonstrates that staying with God’s plan makes room for the miraculous. God calls His people to trust His wisdom, remain faithful, and not grow weary in obedience. Our willingness to partner, protect, and proclaim becomes the womb through which miracles are born.

Declaration:

Lord, this season I choose to stay with Your plan. I partner with Your purpose, protect what You have entrusted to me, and proclaim Your promises by faith. Amen.