



# Sermon Guide: Faith: The Wise Trust 12/14/25

**Text(s):** Matthew 1:18-25

**Big Idea:** *Faith requires trusting the wisdom of God even when it disrupts our plans.*

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**Summary of the Sermon** - Joseph shows us that faith is not about preserving our plans but trusting the wisdom of God when those plans are disrupted. Faced with confusion and uncertainty, Joseph listens to God's revelation and responds with obedient trust, even without full understanding. His obedience was not merely a momentary decision but an example of a lifelong posture of faithfulness. Through Joseph's disrupted plans, God brought about His saving purposes, reminding us that God's wisdom never fails—even when our lives feel undone.

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## Ice Breaker Question:

What's a plan you had that didn't turn out the way you expected, but later you could see how God used it?

## Discussion Questions

1. What plans or expectations in your life currently feel disrupted or uncertain?
2. How do you typically respond when God's wisdom conflicts with what seems reasonable to you?
3. In what ways does Joseph's quiet, obedient faith challenge common ideas about success or faithfulness?
4. Why is it often difficult to trust God's timing when He appears silent?
5. What might it mean or look like for you personally to choose obedience over understanding right now?
6. How does Joseph's willingness to love and adopt Jesus shape your view of faithful obedience?
7. How does the truth of our adoption through Christ encourage you in seasons of disruption?
8. In what ways can you practice clinging to God rather than clinging to your plans this week?