

“Christmas Miracles” Message Series

The Miracle of Reconciliation

Matthew 1:18-25 (page 955)

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“All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ “The virgin will be with child and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

Matthew 1:22-23

“In your anger do not sin”. Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold.”

Ephesians 4:26-27

1. Where are you experiencing disappointment, frustration or a _____ in a _____?

“This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 1:18

“Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man, and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.”

Matthew 1:19

“ But after he had considered this, . . . “

Matthew 1:20a

2. What does _____ have to _____ about it?

“ 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. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

Matthew 1:20-21

3. How do you go forward in _____ and _____?

“When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.”

Matthew 1:24-25

“If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.”

Romans 12:18

For Reflection/Small Group Discussion

What is your takeaway from today’s message?

Why is just staying mad at someone not an option for a follower of Jesus?

What is the difference between forgiveness and reconciliation?

What are the steps in reconciliation? How do you love someone you don’t like?

Why is praying for someone you’re having trouble getting along with helpful?

