

Episode 49 — "When God Says Run" *Cornerstone Today* | Matthew 2:13–23

Episode Summary

In Episode 49 of *Cornerstone Today*, we follow Joseph and Mary into the hardest stretch of Matthew 2 — a midnight escape, an exile in a foreign country, and a grief so heavy Matthew quotes Jeremiah to describe it. When Herod realizes the Magi aren't coming back, he orders the execution of every boy two years old and under in Bethlehem. Matthew doesn't soften it. We walk through what Joseph's immediate obedience cost him, what Matthew means when he quotes Hosea — "Out of Egypt I called my son" — and why Jesus landing in obscure little Nazareth is anything but an accident. This passage doesn't offer easy answers. But it does show us a God who is present and purposeful even in the middle of circumstances that make no sense.

In This Episode

- Joseph's midnight dream and what it cost him to obey immediately
- Why the family fled to Egypt — and what Herod was really afraid of
- What Matthew means by quoting Hosea 11:1 — "Out of Egypt I called my son"
- The massacre of the innocents and why Matthew doesn't explain it away
- Rachel weeping — Jeremiah's image and what it means here
- The return, the reroute, and why Nazareth matters
- What Joseph's posture of obedience teaches us about following God in the dark

Key Scriptures

- Matthew 2:13–23
- Hosea 11:1 — "Out of Egypt I called my son"
- Jeremiah 31:15 — Rachel weeping for her children

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