

WHEN GOD CHANGES YOUR PLANS

Selected Scriptures

Christmas teaches us this about God:

1. God does things using people we wouldn't

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. (Luke 1:26-27)

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field... (Luke 2:8)

2. God does things the way we wouldn't

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. (Matthew 1:18-19)

3. God does things when we wouldn't

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. (Luke 2:8)

When God changes your plans...

1. Realize that He is trying to get your attention

And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. (Luke 2:9)

2. Realize that He has a better plan

And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." (Luke 1:30-33)

3. Realize that He wants you to learn to trust Him

And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." (Luke 1:38)