

- Right when we think everything is settled, it all gets shaken up.
- Peace is not the absence of problems, the Presence of Christ.
- **When Your Dream Becomes A Nightmare.**
- Joseph's Globe was shaken.

• 18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. 19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. 20 But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. 21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." 22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His

name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." 24 Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, 25 and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name Jesus. Matthew 1:18-25

- **Joseph's Character**

- **COMMITTED**

- **Walk the walk guy.**

- Committed to God
- Committed to Mary.

- The only thing that he is now sure of is that his life will never be the same.

- **His commitments haven't paid off.**

- **What's your reaction when your globe is shaken?**

- **Joseph's Choices Are Revealed**

- **3 CHOICES**

- **○ FEEL GOOD RESPONSE.**

- He can publicly humiliate Mary because of what he perceives to be her immorality. This choice could

possibly lead to her death under the Law. For many of us this would be the

○ PAINFUL RESPONSE.

- He can divorce her quietly and just walk away from her, leaving her to raise the child in shame and poverty.

○ UNTHINKABLE RESPONSE.

- He can marry her and raise the child as if it were his own. This last option would rarely have been chosen by a Jewish man.
- To Joseph, none of the choices seemed appealing, but he had to choose one of them.
- Life often forces you to choose and none of your options are good.
- **When it doesn't look good we trust that God is good. We don't seek to make a good decision but a God decision.**
- ***2 Timothy 4:5 But you, keep your head in all situations... NIV***
- **Joseph doesn't lose his cool...**

• 19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. Matthew 1:19

• He Resists the urge to allow vengeance seeking to overtake his life.

• How do you respond when people shake your globe?

When does it get hard to hear from God?



When things are shaking.

- Running so hard to fix...
- Best time to get alone with God is at the time of deep disappointment.
- ***...an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream...***
- He was only able to hear God when he rested.
- Do not be afraid.

When does it get hard to follow God?



When you're not sure where He's going.

- Following in a car.
- *Kim walks ahead then stops...*
- Move Ahead- With God
 - You'll never know enough to stop following.

- You must not abort a promise. God's promise.
- Joseph could have very easily become the enemy of God. He could have said NO.
- **Decisions made during times of shaking will have you Following God or Fighting God.**

When does it get hard to trust God?

★ **When you realize that God may be the one doing the shaking!**

- The devil has no part of this. God is Shaking it!
- He shakes us to move us from mundane to meaning & to break us out of the ordinary into the extra-ordinary.
- When God the Father looked for a Father. He could have picked...
- He found a man who could stay faithful under pressure.
- **God will use Joseph to train Jesus**
- Care for Jesus
- Jesus learned from Joseph. Every time things got tough Joseph went to sleep. He could always rest in the storm.
- **The BIGGER the PROBLEM the BETTER he SLEEPS!**
- **Joseph was a committed. Jesus was committed.**

- **Joseph didn't run. Jesus didn't run.**
- **Joseph endured. Jesus endured.**
- **Joseph submitted. Jesus submitted.**
- He was a carpenter. Now he'll train the Creator.
- ***Saying yes to God changes everything!***