

The First Father Christmas

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I. The _____ of Unexpected Circumstances (v.18–19)

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II. The Revelation of God's _____ (v.20–21)

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III. The Fulfillment of God's _____ (v.22-23)

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IV. The _____ of Faith and Obedience (v.24–25)

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Small Group Questions

1. When you think about Joseph's situation in [Matthew 1:18–19](#), what emotions or questions do you imagine he wrestled with? How do you relate to those emotions in your own life?
2. Can you share a time when unexpected circumstances disrupted your plans? How did that experience affect your faith—positively or negatively?
3. Why do you think fear and disappointment so often cloud our ability to see God's work in our situations?
4. The angel tells Joseph, "*Do not fear.*" What fears tend to keep you from fully trusting God, especially during seasons like Christmas?
5. Read [Matthew 1:20–21](#) again. What does this passage show us about the way God guides His people? How have you personally experienced God providing clarity or direction?
6. Joseph received God's plan through a dream and an angelic message. Today, God speaks through His Word and Spirit. What practices help you hear God clearly when you're confused or discouraged?
7. The prophecy of Immanuel—"God with us"—was centuries in the making. How does knowing God fulfills His promises strengthen your trust in Him during seasons of waiting?
8. What promises of God do you struggle to believe right now? How does the birth of Jesus help anchor those promises in reality?
9. Joseph responded to God with immediate obedience (vv.24–25). What's one area of your life where God is calling you to take a step of faith or obedience?
10. Christmas is often a season of busyness, emotion, and pressure. How can trusting God more deeply this Christmas lead to reconciliation—with God, with others, or with your own purpose?