

SUNDAY MORNING MESSAGE - 12.07.14
SERIES: SIMPLY CHRISTMAS
WEEK 2 - "SIMPLY REST"

Matthew 1:18 (ESV)

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Proverbs 19:21 (ESV)

Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand.

1. God's purposes are never overcome by our ruined plans

Matthew 1:20-21 (ESV)

20 But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

2. Sometimes the only way to a greater dream is through a shattered one

Genesis 50:20 (ESV)

20 As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

3. Moving forward requires embracing what God has next

Matthew 1:24-25 (ESV)

24 When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, 25 but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Matthew 1:23 (ESV)

23 "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).

4. We can simply rest, because He has simply promised to be present

Psalms 62:5-8 (ESV)

5 For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him. 6 He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. 7 On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God. 8 Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us. Selah