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"WHEN GOD MESSES WITH OUR PLANS"

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LUKE 1:26-38 (ESV)

TRUTH: Mary's story is one of a life interrupted.

INSIGHT: God has changed the plans of every one of us at some time, because it's a universal reality based on His eternal plan for our lives.

TRUTH: In life we all make unwise, even dumb decisions.

INSIGHT: Not everything that happens in our world is God's will.

INSIGHT: Don't blame God for all the problems in the world.

THE POINT OF TODAY: God intervenes in our lives and does something special and changes our plans (Proverbs 19:21).

I. GOD CHANGES OUR PLANS TO GAIN OUR ATTENTION.

TRUTH: Most of the time when God wants to speak to us, He gets a busy signal (Psalm 81:8; Proverbs 14:12 NLT).

INSIGHT: We all have limited perspective; we can't see the big picture of God's plan, so we need Him in all our decisions.

II. GOD CHANGES OUR PLANS BECAUSE HE HAS A BETTER PLAN (Jeremiah 29:11).

TRUTH: You can go your way in 2022 and get the problems and stress and difficulties, or you can do God's better way that He will watch over and use the problems and difficulties for your good.

TRUTH: God's plan for your life is the key to significance and the reason why you were born.

INSIGHT: Much of the truth of prophecy fulfillment in the birth of Jesus, Mary didn't understand till later.

III. WHEN YOUR PLANS FALL THROUGH, GOD IS SAYING: TRUST ME.

TRUTH: God's plan for Mary and Joseph's lives was so different and difficult, all they could do was trust.

LISTEN CAREFULLY TO THIS BECAUSE YOUR LIFE DEPENDS ON IT:

1. You seek God when life is falling apart (Jeremiah 29:11; Hebrews 11:6).

QUESTION: Even in the midst of the mess of your life do you believe God is with you? Do you believe God is trustworthy? Do you?

TRUTH: God is pleased when His people trust Him, because without faith it is impossible to please Him.

2. Trust God in the midst of your problem (Romans 8:28).

3. When life happens and our way is hard, it's a test.

TRUTH: When God tests us, the test is: AM I GOING TO TRUST GOD OR MYSELF?

INVITATION: What we know about 2022 in the midst of all we don't know:

1. We know God has a plan and a purpose for each of our lives.
2. God will change some or many of our plans in 2022.
3. We know that whoever lives according to God's purpose will be blessed.
4. We know that God will be with us, no matter what we go through.

TRUTH: Three warning signs we don't trust God and aren't following His life plan:

1. Fatigue
2. Frustration
3. Fear

*Where are you regarding trusting Jesus?

1. Are YOU a seeker?
2. Are YOU saved?
3. Are YOU a stumbler?