



Touching Our Family (Matthew 1:18-25)

Sunday, December 6, 2020

Alta Vista Baptist Church

“When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him...” – Matthew 1:24

Nov. 29 God's Touch	Dec. 6 Touching Our Family
Dec. 13 Touching our Neighbours	Dec. 20 Touching the Forgotten
Dec. 24 Fresh touch from God	Dec. 27 Touching God

☐ Christmas is the time to be FAMILY



5 Stages of Joseph's response in Matthew 1:18-25

1) **SITUATION** (vs. 1:18)

- ☉ Betrothed / Betrayal

2) **SEPARATION** (vs. 1:19)

- ☉ Joseph shows restraint, compassion, mercy

3) **SECRET** (vs. 1:20)

- ☉ NEVER Underestimate God!

4) **SATISFACTION** (vs. 1:21-23)

- ☉ “Congratulations! It's a GOD!” (Isaiah 7:14)

5) **SERVICE** (vs. 1:24-25)

- ☉ Joseph provides for Mary regardless of the cost.

Christmas is the time to be family!

Follow Jesus example by looking for ways to love each other!

- ☐ Have patience with those around you
- ☐ Sometimes we need to use “selective amnesia”
- ☐ Serve others for the glory of Jesus name!



COMMUNION

What do we learn from this study of Matthew 1:18-25?

- ☐ A man is born who SAVES us from our sin.
- ☐ God is ALWAYS faithful to his word.
- ☐ God is WITH us.



DIGGING DEEPER

(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

Q1: As a child what was your favourite family Christmas tradition? What about in adulthood?

Q2: Share about a time when you chose restraint, compassion and mercy with someone instead of the shame and disgrace they deserved.

Q3: Has there ever been a time when you underestimated God and He came through BIG time for you? What happened?

Q4: How can you show love to someone in your family this season?

Q5: How should Matthew 1:21 shape the way you read the rest of this gospel?

Q6: Read Matthew 5:17-18 and Galatians 4:4-5. Why did God choose to send the Saviour to us under the law, not above it?

Q7: How does Jesus fulfill Isaiah 7:14? How did Jesus' birth fulfill the promise of Genesis 3:15?