

AN AM **UNEXPECTED** MORNING CHRISTMAS

WEEK 2 UNEXPECTED BLESSINGS

Look for unexpected blessings when:

1. My plans _____

This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary **was pledged to be married to Joseph**, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was **faithful to the law**, and yet did not want to expose her to **public disgrace**, he had in mind to **divorce her quietly**. Matthew 1:18,19 NIV

God often _____ us in order to _____ us

2. My questions _____

But **after he had considered this**, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). Matthew 1:20-23 NIV

God often _____ us before he _____ us

3. My actions _____

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and **took Mary home as his wife**. But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus. Matthew 1:24,25 NIV (See also Matthew 2:13,14 and Matthew 2:19,20)

Joseph's example shows me:

I may not know _____, but I can do the _____

Resources used in this sermon:

Tom Holladay, "Will I Obey God When Things Don't Make Sense," sermon at Saddleback Church

John Ortberg, "Recognizing Divine Interruptions," sermon at Menlo Church

Mark Spurlock, "Unexpected Blessings," sermon at TLC 11-25-2012

ONLY TWO PERFORMANCES LEFT!

12/15 - 1:30 & 4PM

THIS CHRISTMAS
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