

Week 2:

When Life is Confused or Disturbed



Questions

1. What illustration, story, or example stood out to you this week?
2. Read Luke 1:38. What stands out to you about Mary's response? Where in your life do you need to have Mary-like obedience?
3. Where has God equipped you especially well to be His servant? (Inviting, Serving, Praying, Giving). How can you put your special gifts into action this Christmas season?
4. Read Matthew 1:18-20, 24. Share a time when you were confused or disturbed and you chose to follow God. How was your story like Joseph's?
5. What makes you delay in obeying God? Why do you think that is? How would your life be different if you obeyed God without delay?
6. For your one practical step this week, write a short note inviting someone to join you for a Christmas service and be sure to thank them for how they impact your life. Or your group can pray over those people that you'll be inviting to services - may their hearts be open to the invitation of Jesus.

Scripture References

Read Luke 1:29, Luke 1:38, Matthew 1:18-20, 24, Matthew 2:14, Luke 1:38

Takeaways

- When you find yourself confused or disturbed, choose to be God's servant, surrendering to His purpose for your life.
- When God reveals something for you to do, obey without delay.
- We all have a life theme of either obeying God or delaying until we can ignore or forget about it.
- Joseph obeyed 4 times out of 4. You can too.
- You get to 4 out of 4, by starting with 1 out of 1.
- When God prompts you, people's lives hang in the balance. Obey.
- God chooses and uses those people who consistently obey without delay.
- If God has gifted you with friends, Invite. If God has gifted you with time, Serve. If God has gifted you with faith, Pray. If God has gifted you with worldly wealth, Give.
- God saves lives, performs miracles and changes history through people who obey without delay.
- When you sense a nudge from God, but the smart part of your brain explains it away, do it anyway.

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- Do something bold for His work with your time, with your relationships, with your money.