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CHRISTMAS NEED TO KNOW!

MON, DEC 5 - Women's Christmas Event.

SUN, DEC 11 - Grace kids PJ's & Pop-tart Party. Grace Youth Christmas Party @ 10:30 AM only.

ALSO ON SUN, DEC 11 - 12 days of Blessings - Grace is blessing people for 12 days straight!

SUN, DEC 18 - Grace Kids Christmas Performance: A Shoemaker's Christmas.

SAT, DEC 24 - The Christmas service is at 3 PM and there is Kid Programming for ages 0-5th grade. The Candlelight service is at 10 PM.

SUN, DEC 25 - No services - Enjoy your Christmas morning!

SUN, JAN 1 - And we wrap up the season with Our Home to Yours online only service.

CHRISTMAS LEGACY

DEC 4 // WEEK 2 // PASTOR JOE BOYD

Mary and Joseph - Legacy through our decisions

You crown the year with a bountiful harvest; even the hard pathways overflow with abundance. - **Psalm 65:11**

You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. - **Matthew 5:14**

For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. - **1 Corinthians 3:9-11**

God is building a home. He's using us all—irrespective of how we got here—in what He is building. He used the apostles and prophets for the foundation. Now he's using you, fitting you in brick by brick, stone by stone, with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone that holds all the parts together. We see it taking shape day after day—a holy temple built by God, all of us built into it, a temple in which God is quite at home. - **Ephesians 2:19-22 (The Message)**

Mary and Joseph were faced with difficult decisions.

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**

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." - **Matthew 1:20-21**

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**

3 ways we can be like Mary and Joseph:

1. Do what we should do.

Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? - **Luke 16:10-11**
Doing what we should reveals our Faithfulness.

2. Do what we could do.

They gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service. - **2 Corinthians 8:3-4**
Doing what we could reveals our Sacrifice.

3. Do what we would do.

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. - **2 Corinthians 9:10-11**
Doing what we would reveals our Faith.

They share freely and give generously to those in need. Their good deeds will be remembered forever. They will have influence and honor. - **Psalm 112:9**

You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. - **1 Peter 2:5**