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*Christ-***mess**

The Mess: Crazy Ancestors and Relatives

Luke 1:5-23

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~The “unusual” genealogy

~Good ones

~Unusual ones

Rahab and Ruth

David and Solomon

Ahaz and Amon

But: God was present!



The Mess: Infertility

Matthew 1:1-7

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~Elizabeth and Zechariah

~Faithful OT Saints

~Yet after many years...no children

But: God was present!



The Mess: Unplanned Teen Pregnancy

Luke 1:26-38

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- ~Mary struggled with it**
- ~Her parents must have struggled!**
- ~Joseph doubted and struggled**
- ~People talked...for all of Jesus life!**

But: God was present!



The Mess: Divorce Discussions

Matthew 1:18-24

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- ~Mary struggled with it**
- ~Her parents must have struggled!**
- ~Joseph doubted and struggled**
- ~People talked...for all of Jesus life!**

But: God was present!



The Mess: Unplanned Trip @ 8-9 months

Luke 2:1-7

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- ~The decree says we have to do **WHAT?**
- ~Approx 100 miles, 8-10 days walk
- ~Imagine **THAT** journey for a pregnant woman
- ~Imagine that journey **WITH** a pregnant woman
- ~God, why **NOW?**

But: God was present!



The Mess: No Place To Stay

Luke 2:7

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- ~Frustration...place to place? Or just one**
- ~Lack of family support: Joseph's home town!**
- ~Lack of people to rejoice with**

But: God was present!



God Can Be Present In Your Mess

- ~Trust that God is bigger than your mess
- ~Remember that God sees your mess and your struggle
- ~Pray and ask God to help with your mess
- ~Continue to walk with God IN your mess
- ~Wait in hope for God to move in your mess
- ~Know God has a purpose for your mess



Isaiah 43:1-3

“But now, this is what the LORD says-- he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.

For I am the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior...”



