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Unexpected Peace

Luke 1:26-38

Mt 1:18-21

~Mary

Do not be afraid

~Joseph

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“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus”

Phil 4:6-7



Unexpected Joy

- ~Away from their family
- ~Extended family didn't step up
- ~Yet, God sent the shepherds!

“I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.”

Mt 25:40



Unexpected Resources

- ~Herod wanted to kill the newborn child
- ~Joseph and his family needed to escape
- ~How could you finance this journey?
- ~The wise men show up...with GOLD!
- ~They started their journey months before!

“And my God will meet all of your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:19



Unexpected Hope

- ~Unexpected and unexplained pregnancy
- ~Relationship in trouble
- ~Long distance journey
- ~Family no where to be found
- ~Strange people showing up all the time
- ~Running for their lives

“Those who hope in me will not be disappointed”

Isaiah 49:23



Unexpected Direction

- ~Circumstances: The Star
- ~Counselors: The Religious Leaders
- ~The Prophecy: The Word of God

“If any of you lacks wisdom let him ask of me” James 1:5

“Without counsel purpose are disappointed, but in the multitude of counselors they are established.” Prov 15:22

*“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.”
Psm 119:105*



Unexpected Forgiveness

- ~Everyone in the story needed it
- ~Everyone since then had needed it
- ~We need it today

“He will save His people from their sins”

Mt 1:21



What Unexpected Ways Do You Need God To Work In Your Life Today?

~Ask for what you need

~Find the forgiveness only He can provide





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