

C E L E B R A T E
Christmas

Christmas Comfort

Matthew 2:13-23

Christmas was a moment of joy in a life of struggle.

- Flight to Egypt
- Massacre in Bethlehem
- Hiding in Nazareth

God is in control, giving guidance and comfort.

- Prophecies fulfilled
- Guidance granted

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My Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- 1) Make a list of all the positive hope and emotions associated with Christmas. Now read Matthew 2:13-23. Compare the experience of Jesus with your list.
- 2) What has been the hardest thing you've faced in the last five years? Did you feel surprised by it? How did you reconcile God's love with your experience? See John 16:33, Romans 8:28-39.
- 3) God provided specific guidance for Joseph, but he was required to obey. What guidance has God provided you? Are you obeying His direction?
- 4) What do you need to change to lean into this Christmas?

Memory Verse

"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him."

James 1:5