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A GOOD PLAN VS. GOD'S PLAN

Matthew 1:18-25

I. PERSPECTIVE: MATTHEW

- A former Jewish tax collector
- Written to a Jewish audience

II. THE FAMILY PLAN (v. 18a)

- 1st Century Jewish **MARRIAGES**
- A **BETROTHAL**
- Everybody wins, right?

III. MARY'S REALITY AND JOSEPH'S PLAN

(vv. 18b-19; Luke 1:26-38; Isaiah 7:14)

- Mary's **FUTURE** is set, until it isn't
- Joseph makes a plan:
 - **CERTIFICATE** of divorce (Deuteronomy 24:1-4)
 - Handled **QUIETLY**
 - To spare her life
- Joseph was a **JUST** man

IV. THE INTERRUPTION AND THE PERFECT PLAN

(vv. 20-23; Isaiah 7:14)

- "Do not fear . . ."
- The Plan
 - Marry Mary
 - Be clear, **I DID THIS**
 - Name him Jesus
 - Fulfill the prophecy

V. JOSEPH **OBEYED** (vv. 24-25)

- Did you see how Joseph responded to God's interruption?

VI. WHAT'S YOUR NEXT STEP?

- Is there space for God to interrupt your plans?
- Is there space for Jesus to be your Lord?
- Let's ask Jesus to help us when God interrupts us.

