

“God Gives Us the Complete Picture of His Grace!”

Matthew 2:13-15

INTRO

It's window dressing! Pure window dressing. It's an allure to draw you in so you will spend more money than you planned. “They” will give you a free phone for switching to their company and signing a contract. As always, make sure you don't drop the phone while you are reading the fine print of the contract.

But it's not just about phones. Go online to the building and bargain warehouses' sites and you will find their window dressing offering great discounts on furniture, appliances and home goods. The same applies to clothes, makeup, computers, cars, pet products, etc ...

One of my recent online adventures informed me I could get a \$2,000 rebate. I simply had to purchase eight different appliances.

God doesn't use, nor does He need, gimmicks to get you in the door. Sadly, there are a lot of churches that aren't getting the message. God is straight-forward about His plan to redeem the world. He's going to love you into His kingdom. And He is going to use people (the church) to accomplish His plan.

We will look at Joseph, Mary and Jesus' early journey to understand this in today's sermon.

1. Living in God's timing is best!

- Galatians 1:13-19

2. A growing faith is continually developed through God's grace!

- Luke 9:57-62

3. Enjoy the journey; with God!

- Luke 2:20