

THE PROMISE
"MORE THAN A DREAM"
ISAIAH 7:14; MATT. 1:18-25
DEC. 21ST, 2025

Big IDEA: _____ the promise requires _____.

1. Joseph courageously _____ to the _____ of God.

- a. Submitting to the will of God means _____ God
_____ how it looks

2. Joseph courageously _____ what God _____ to him.

- a. Stewarding what God has entrusted to you means guarding and defending the _____ of the gospel.
- b. Common objections to the virgin birth:

i. The word "virgin" actually means " _____
_____."

ii. The virgin birth is _____—I can still believe in Jesus without it.

3. Joseph courageously _____ a faithful _____.

- a. He obeyed God's _____
- b. He led in _____
- c. He modelled _____
- d. He dignified _____

Monday

Joseph went to sleep with a plan and woke up with a calling (Matt. 1:18). God often changes our route when we least expect it, creating an opportunity for us to join in on what He is doing. *Where might God be interrupting your plans right now and what would simple obedience look like?*

Tuesday

Faith rarely makes sense in advance; it usually makes more sense in the rearview mirror. God often gives enough light for the next step, not the entire pathway. Read Psalm 119:105 and meditate on what this verse means. *What is your “next step” that you keep postponing because you want the whole plan first?*

Wednesday

Joseph was entrusted with Jesus; you’ve been entrusted with the gospel. The world doesn’t need you to win every argument, but it does need you to guard the truth with humility, courage, and love. Read 1 Peter 3:15. *How might a gentle and respectful answer generate a gospel conversation?*

Thursday

Joseph’s greatest influence happened in ordinary days—quiet obedience, regular worship, wise living, honest work. God often does His deepest shaping work in the “nobody’s watching” moments. *What is one unseen habit in your home or life that, if strengthened, would shape your faithfulness over time? How might that leave a legacy in the next generation?*

Friday

Isaiah spoke a promise that would not be fulfilled for another 700 years, reminding us that God’s timing is never rushed or random. What feels delayed to us is often God patiently preparing people, places, and hearts for something far greater than we can see (Prov. 3:5-6). *Where are you tempted to doubt God’s faithfulness simply because His timing doesn’t match yours? Confess that to Him and ask for grace to help you trust His plan more than your own.*