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Teaching Notes

Advent 2014

Week Two

Matthew 1:18-25 Now this is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant by the Holy Spirit. 19 Joseph, her fiancée, being a good man, decided to break the engagement quietly, so as not to disgrace her publicly. 20 As he considered this, he fell asleep, and an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to go ahead with your marriage to Mary. For the child within her has been conceived by the Holy Spirit. 21 And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." 22 All of this happened to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet: 23 "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and he will be called Immanuel (meaning, God is with us)." 24 When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord commanded. He brought Mary home to be his wife, 25 but she remained a virgin until her son was born. And Joseph named him Jesus.

What's in _____ ?

What's _____ in you when the unexpected arrives is what _____ you or _____ you?

1) _____ conditioning

2) _____ conditioning

_____ my options

How we evaluate our options gives clues to the _____ of our _____ .

1) Wise _____ of others

NLT Proverbs 20:18 Plans succeed through good counsel; don't go to war without the advice of others

2) _____ guidance

NLT Colossians 3:16 Let the words of Christ, in all their richness, live in your hearts and make you wise. Use his words to teach and counsel each other...

_____ my options

Jesus' birth was one of _____ not shame and humiliation!!

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What does God think of my _____ ... what kind of _____ is revealed by my choices ... is God _____ of me?!!