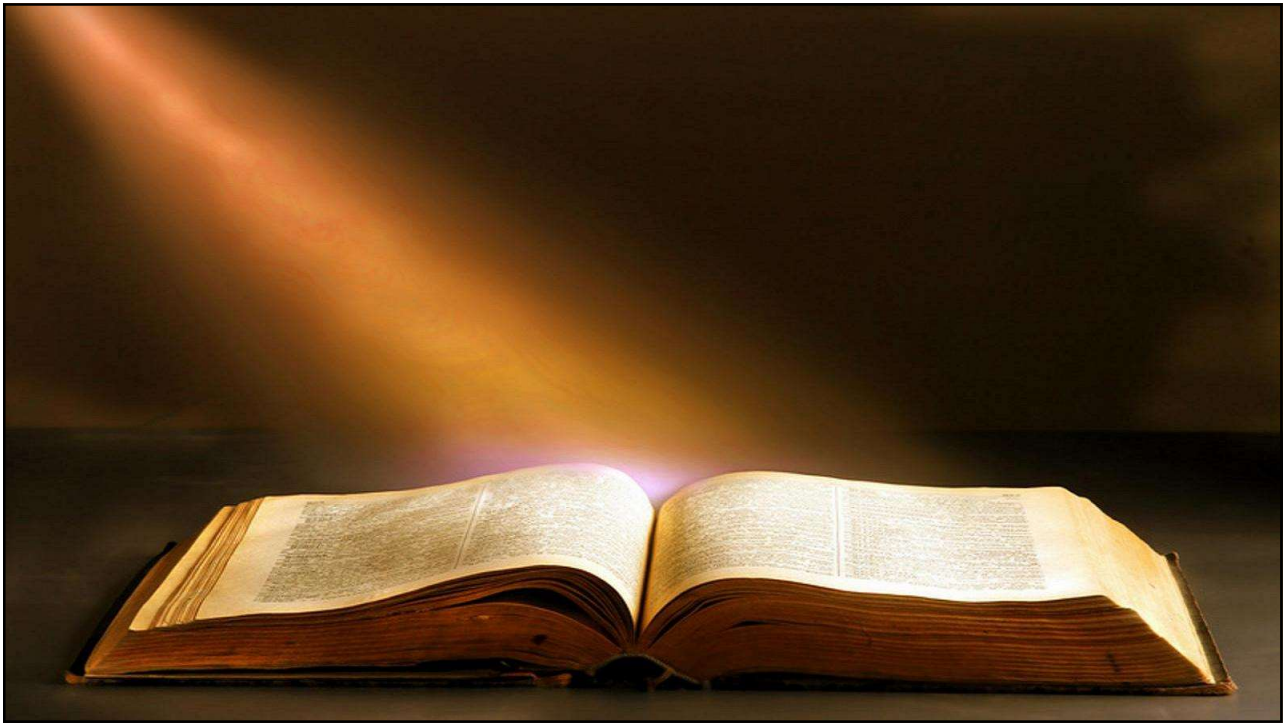
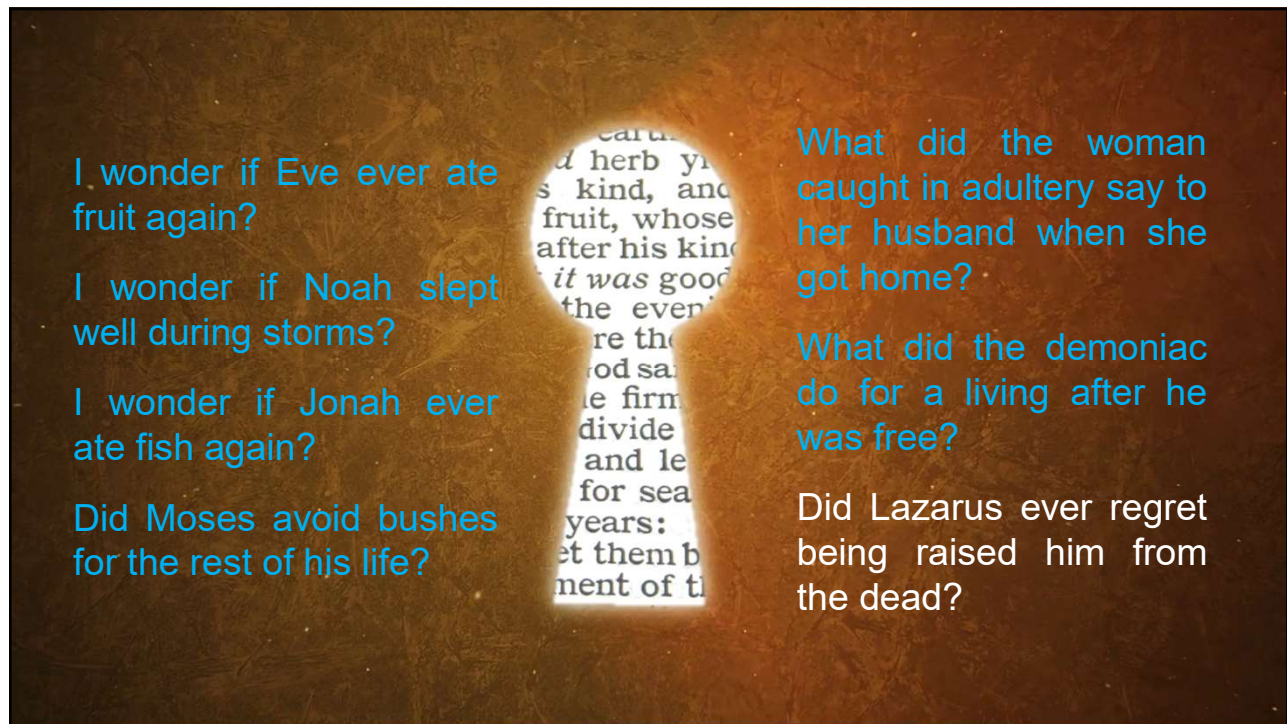


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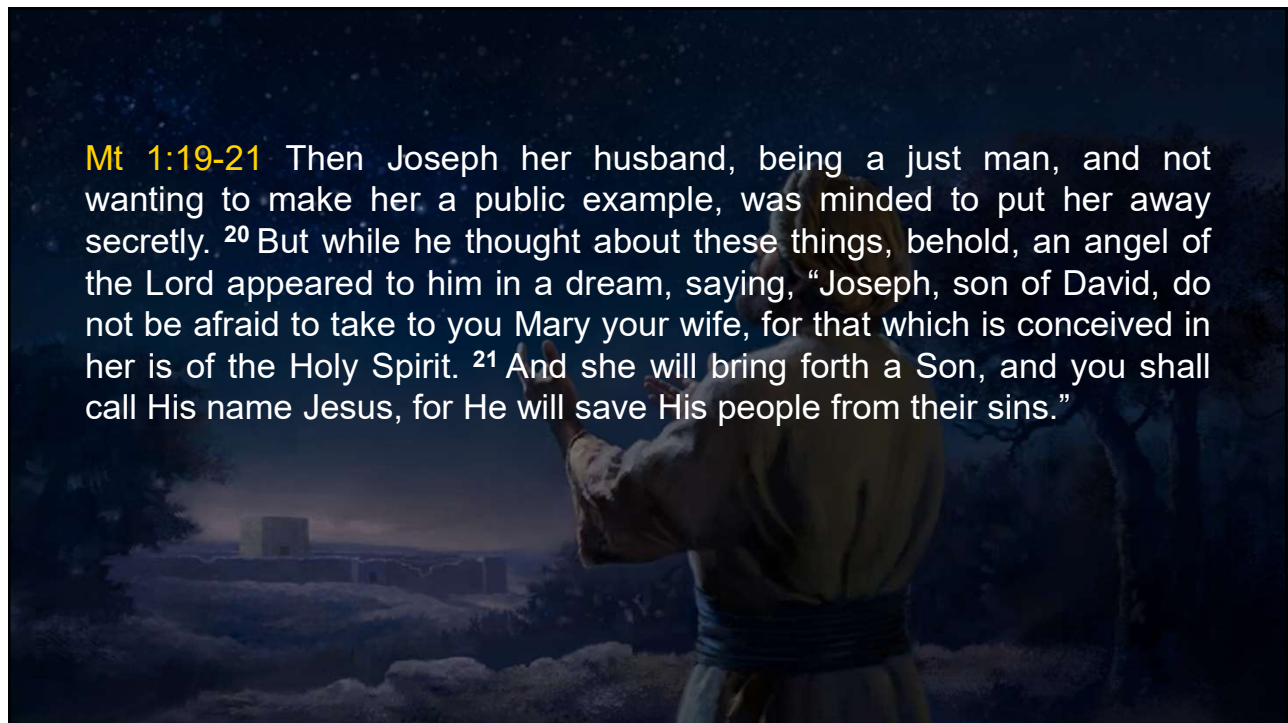
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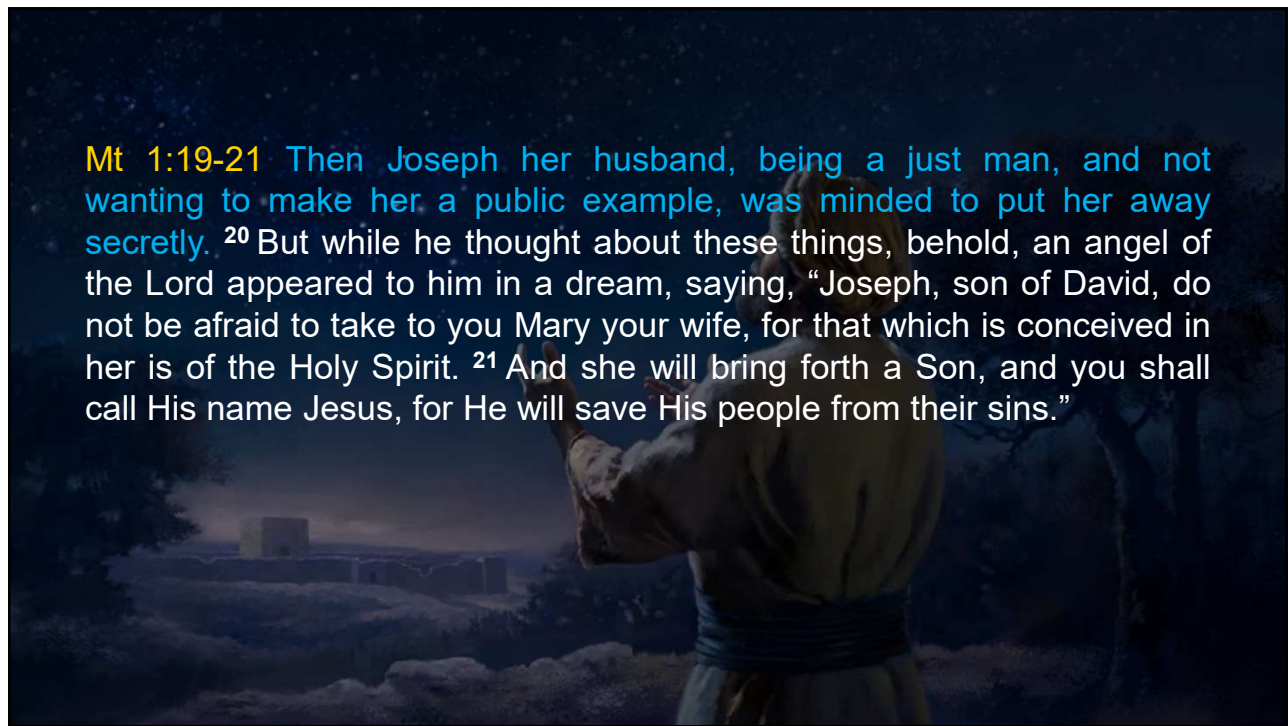
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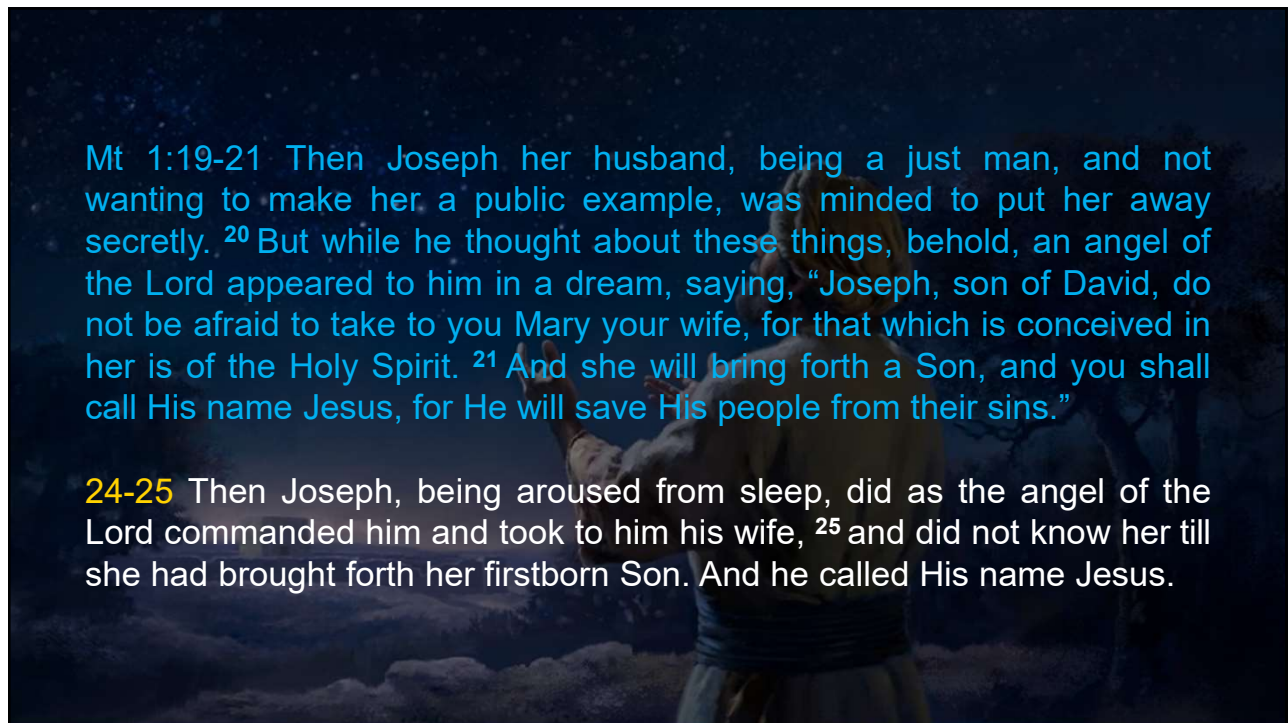
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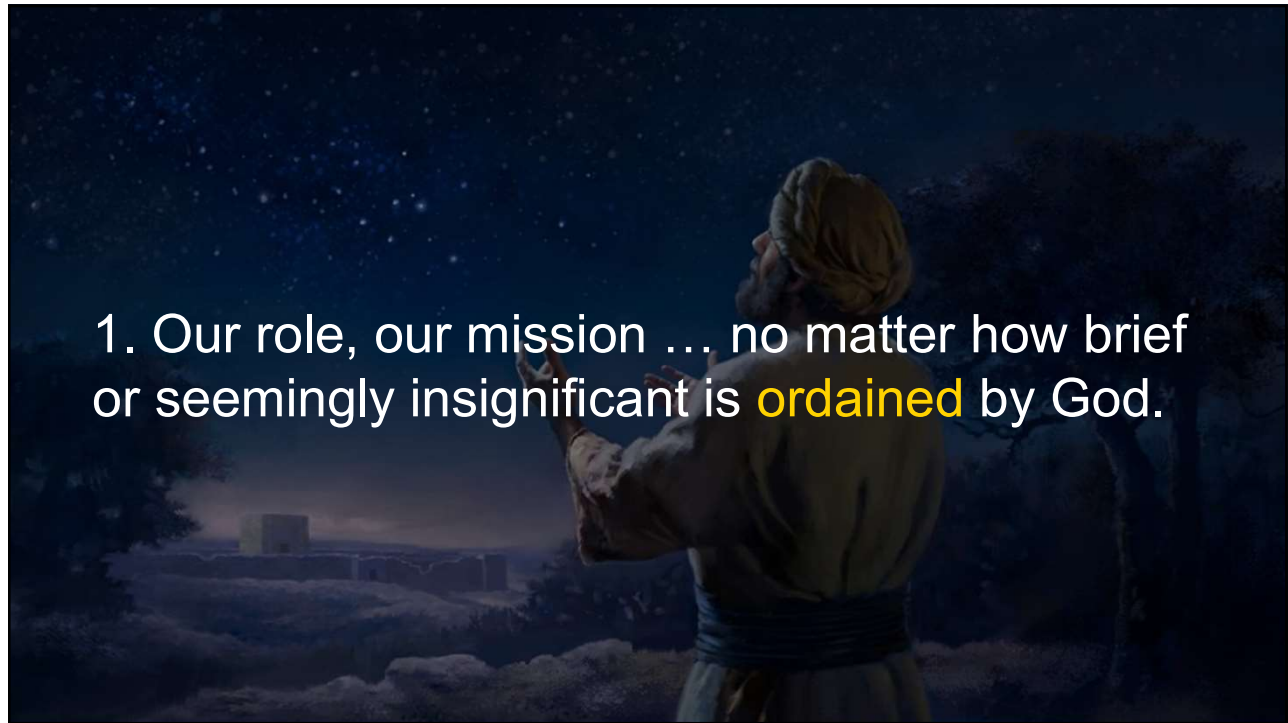
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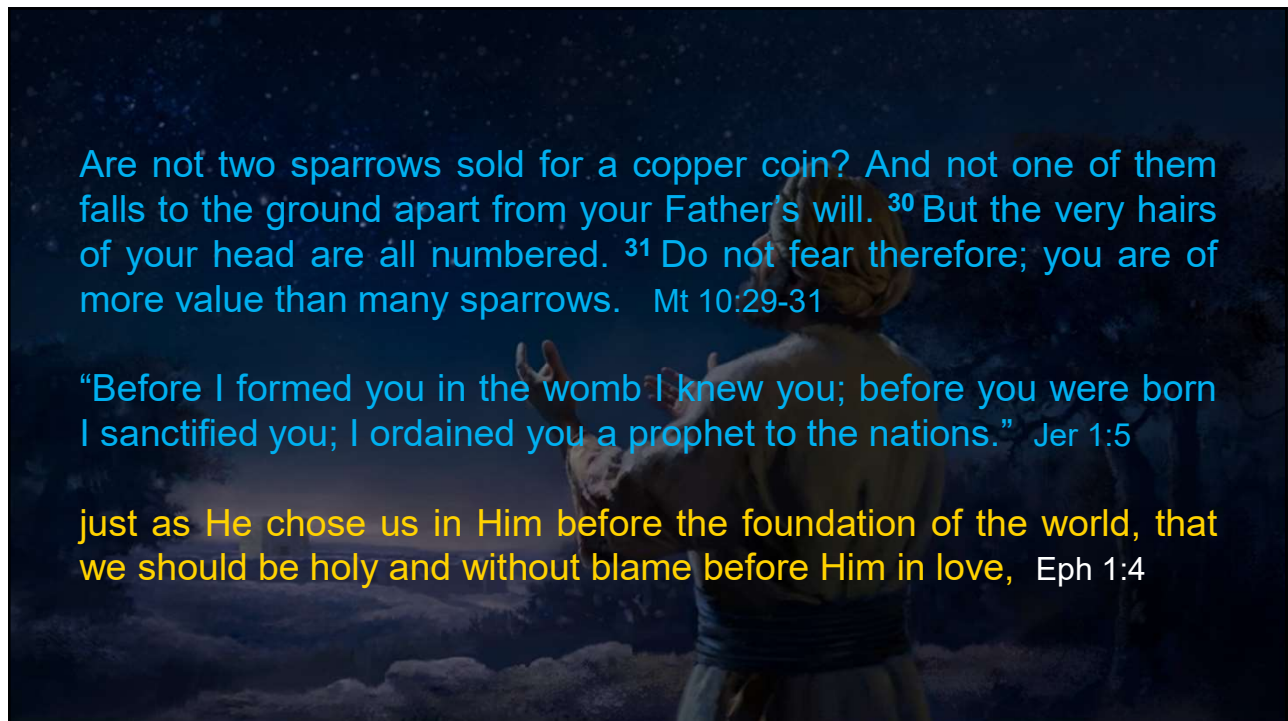


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1. Our role, our mission ... no matter how brief or seemingly insignificant is **ordained** by God.

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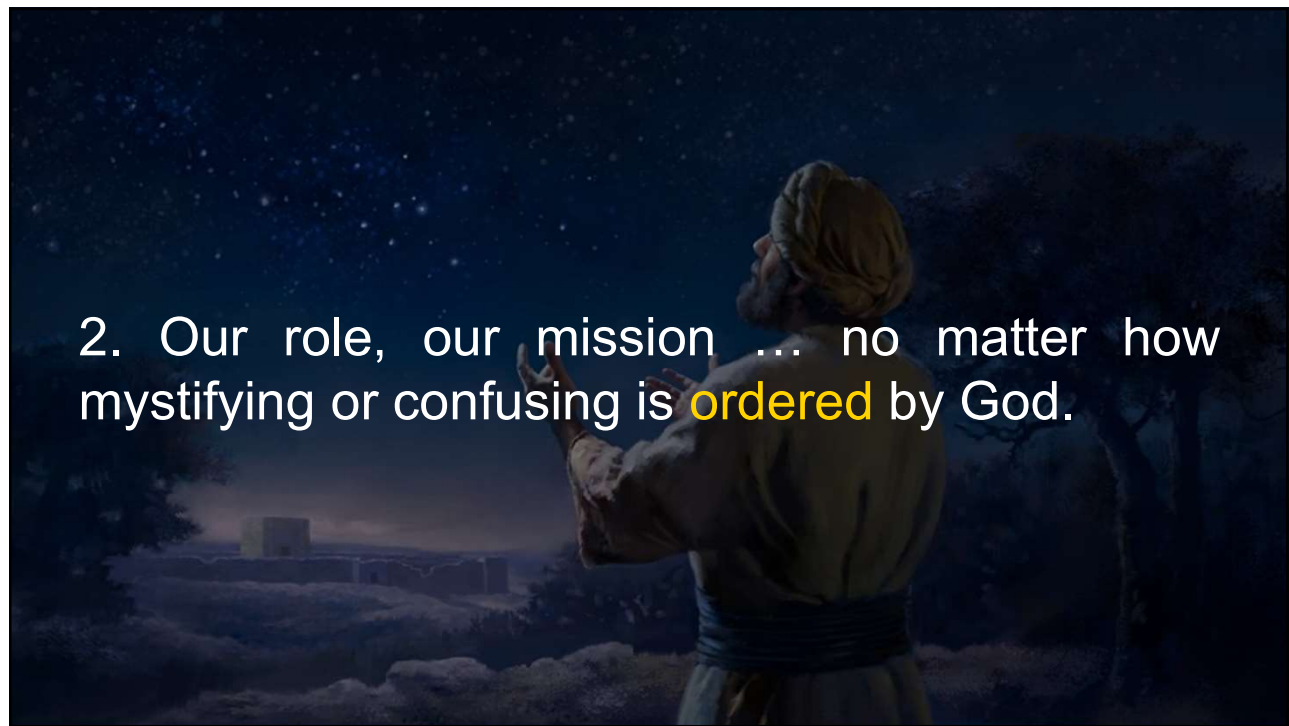


Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. ³⁰ But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. Mt 10:29-31

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations." Jer 1:5

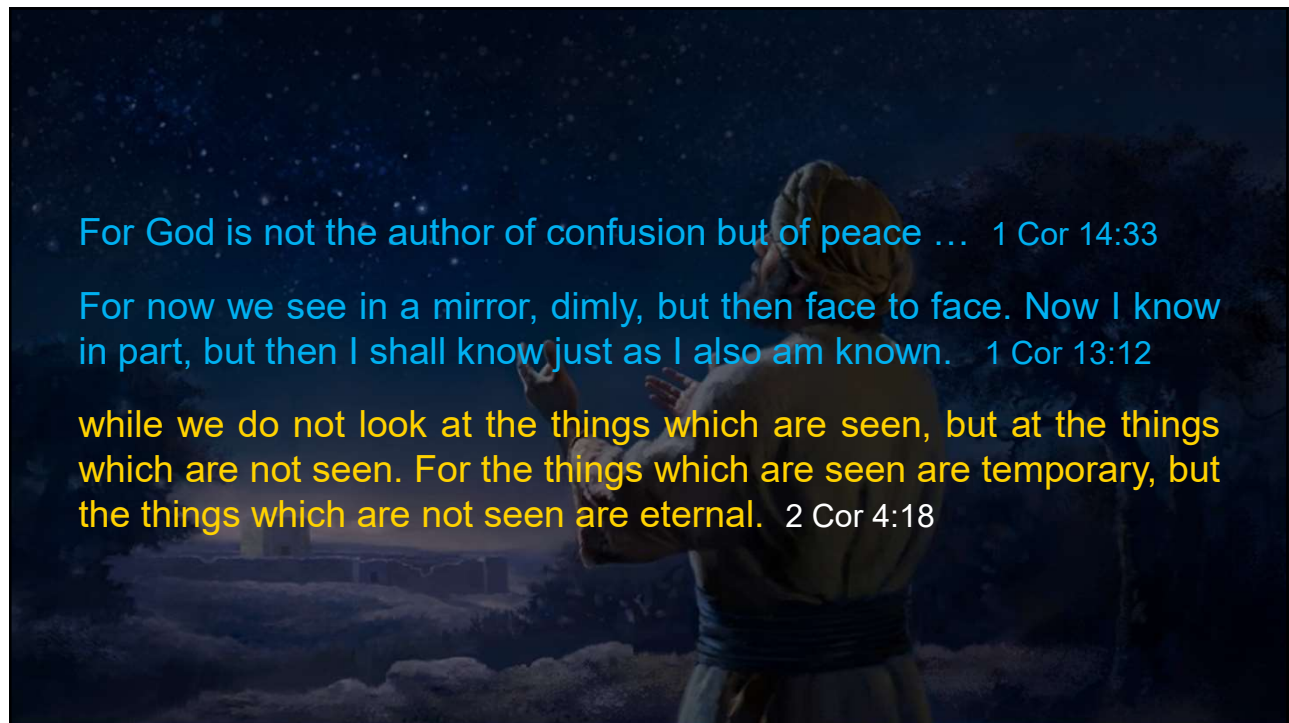
just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, Eph 1:4

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2. Our role, our mission ... no matter how mystifying or confusing is **ordered** by God.

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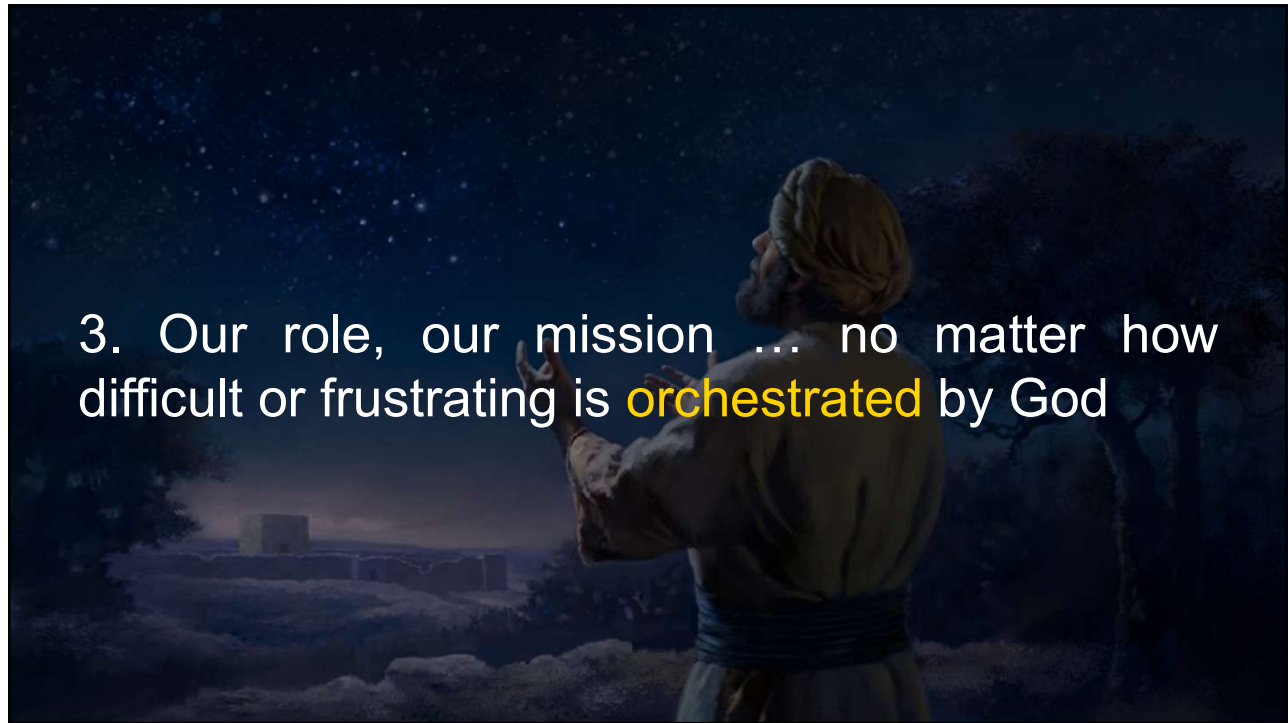


For God is not the author of confusion but of peace ... 1 Cor 14:33

For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. 1 Cor 13:12

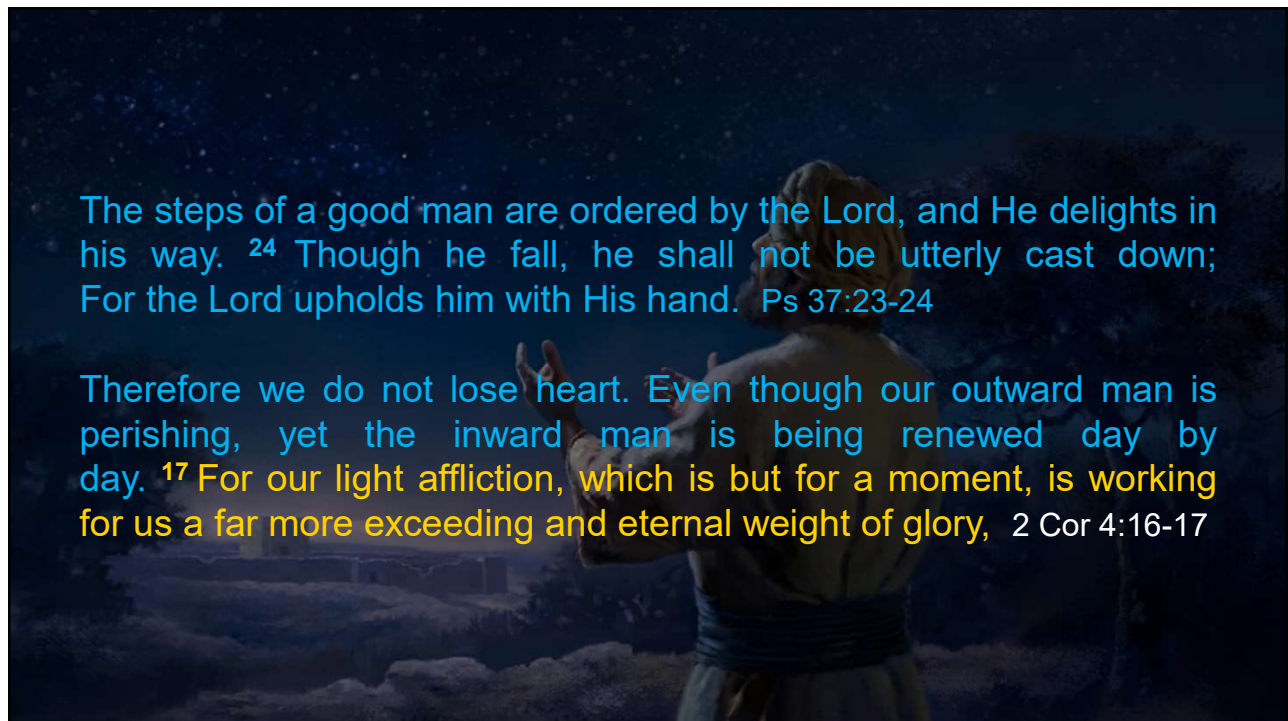
while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal. 2 Cor 4:18

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3. Our role, our mission ... no matter how difficult or frustrating is **orchestrated** by God

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The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and He delights in his way. ²⁴ Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the Lord upholds him with His hand. Ps 37:23-24

Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, 2 Cor 4:16-17

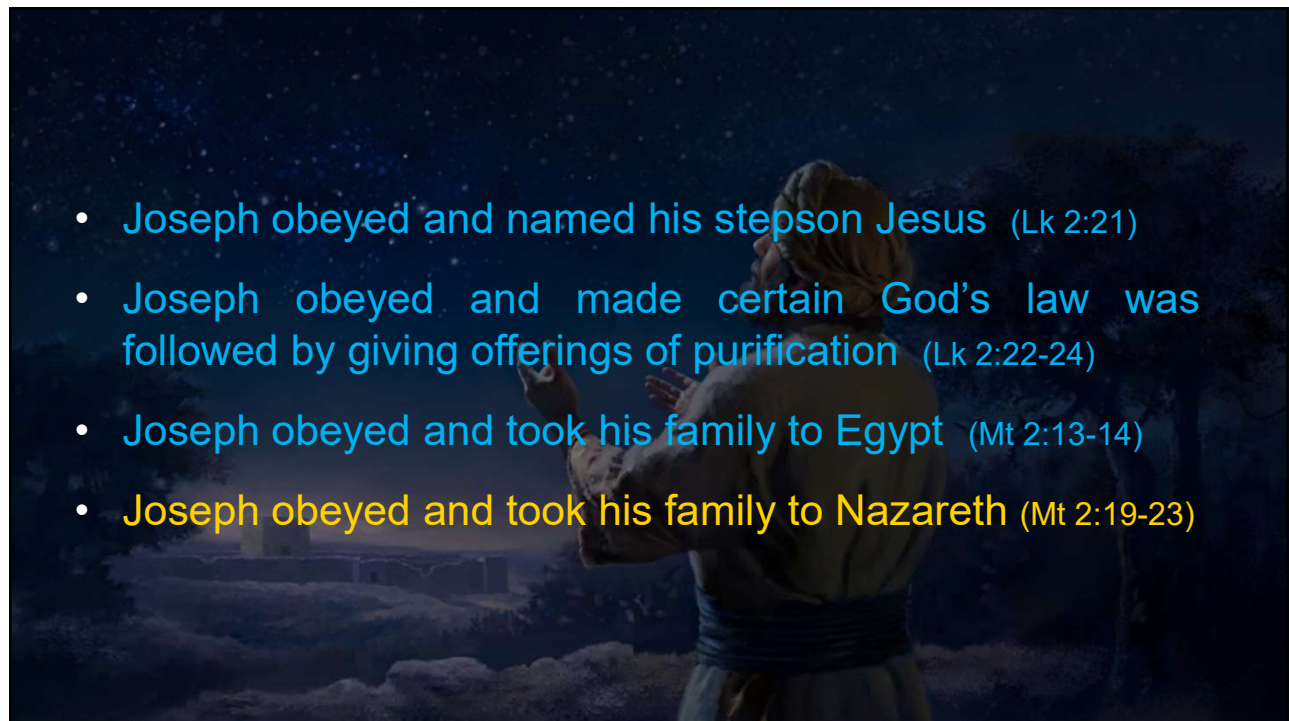
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4. Our role, our mission ... no matter the assignment, is fulfilled when we:

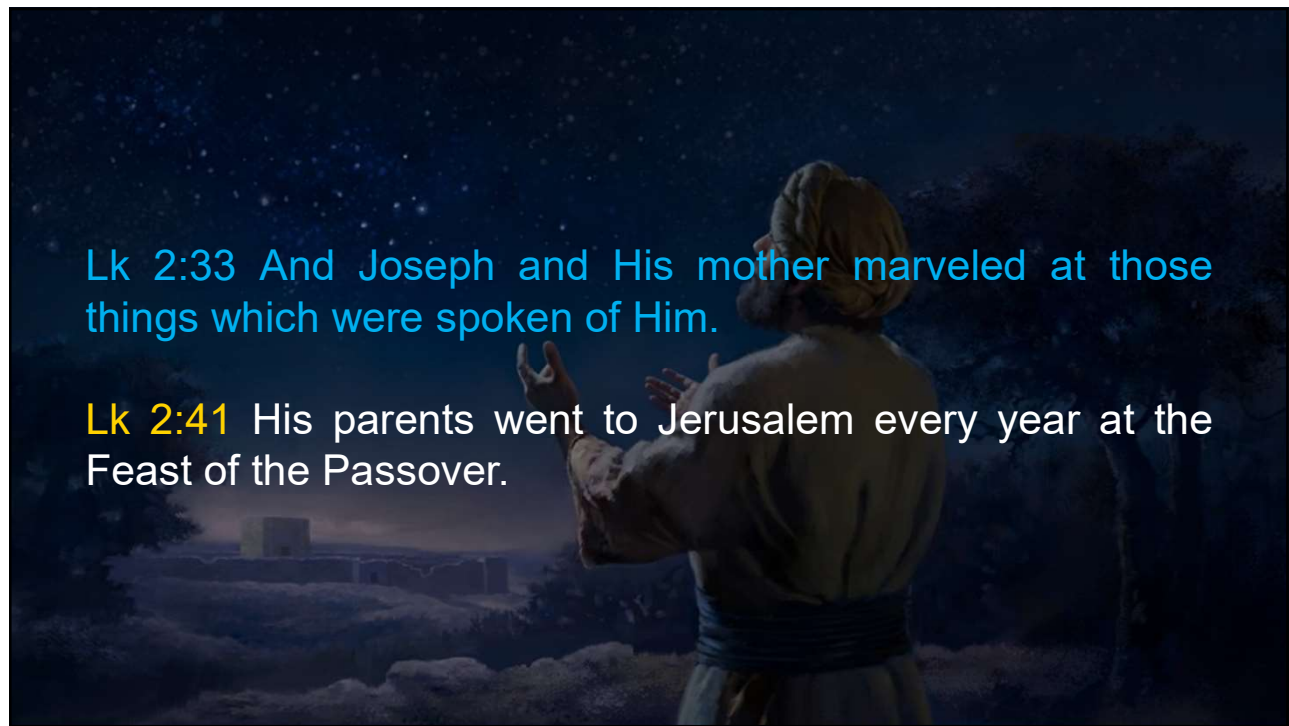
- Trust
- Obey

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- Joseph obeyed and named his stepson Jesus (Lk 2:21)
- Joseph obeyed and made certain God's law was followed by giving offerings of purification (Lk 2:22-24)
- Joseph obeyed and took his family to Egypt (Mt 2:13-14)
- Joseph obeyed and took his family to Nazareth (Mt 2:19-23)

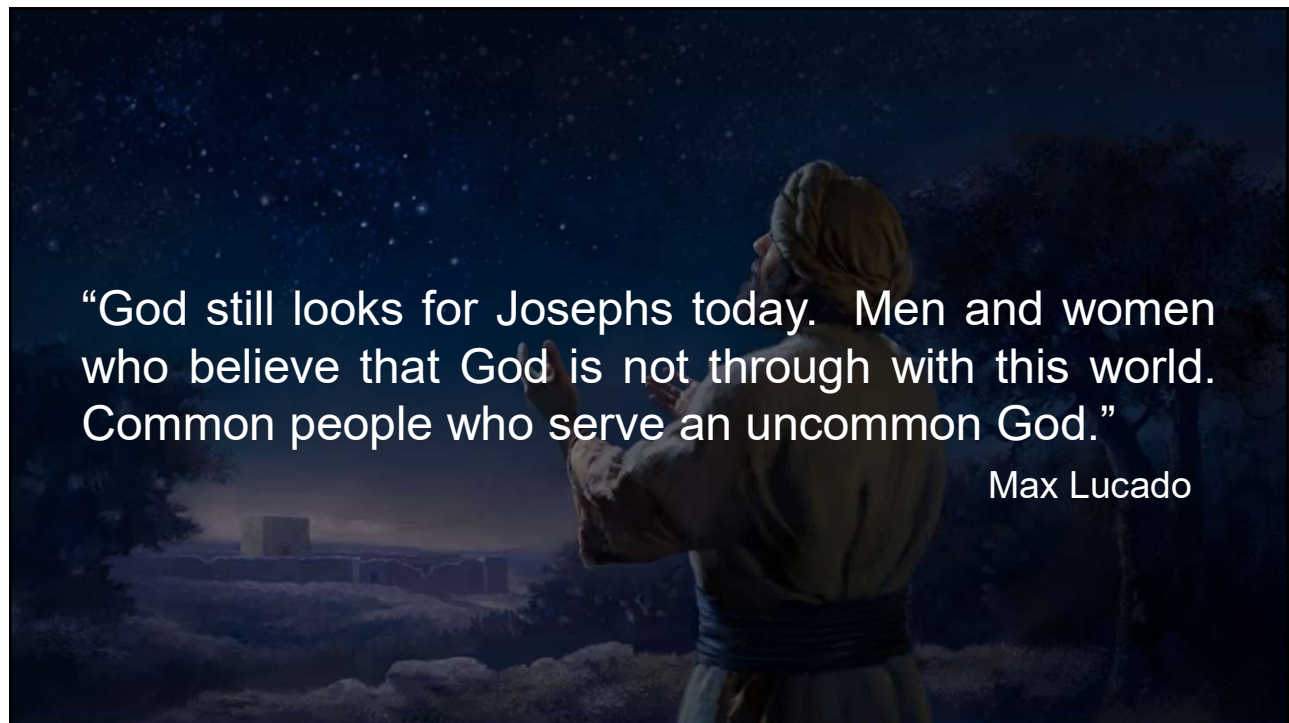
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Lk 2:33 And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him.

Lk 2:41 His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover.

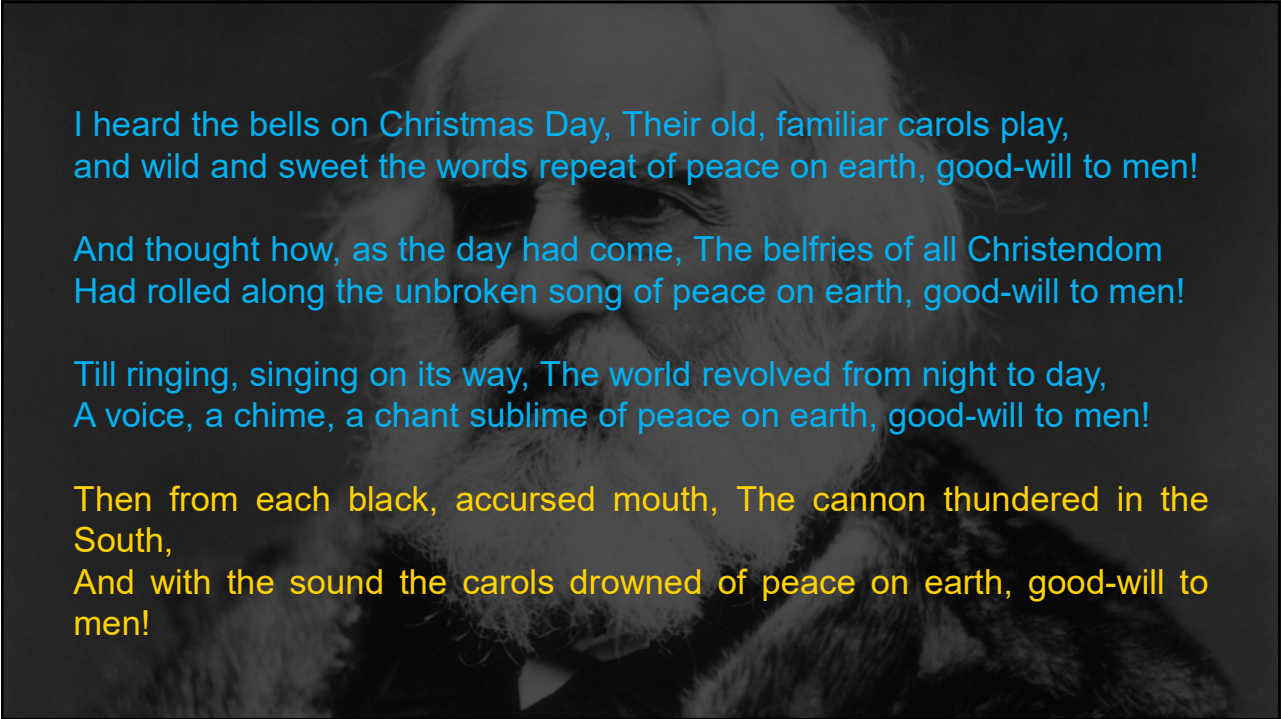
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“God still looks for Josephs today. Men and women who believe that God is not through with this world. Common people who serve an uncommon God.”

Max Lucado

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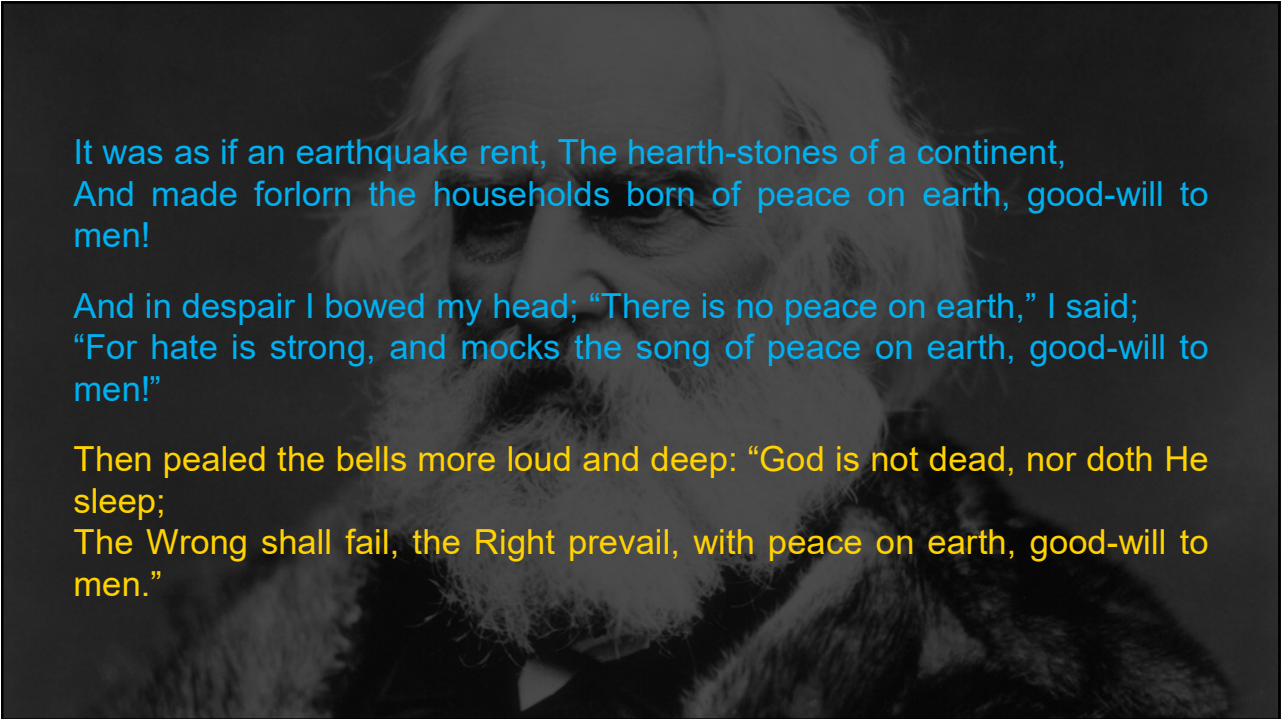
I heard the bells on Christmas Day, Their old, familiar carols play,
and wild and sweet the words repeat of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And thought how, as the day had come, The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along the unbroken song of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Till ringing, singing on its way, The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Then from each black, accursed mouth, The cannon thundered in the
South,
And with the sound the carols drowned of peace on earth, good-will to
men!

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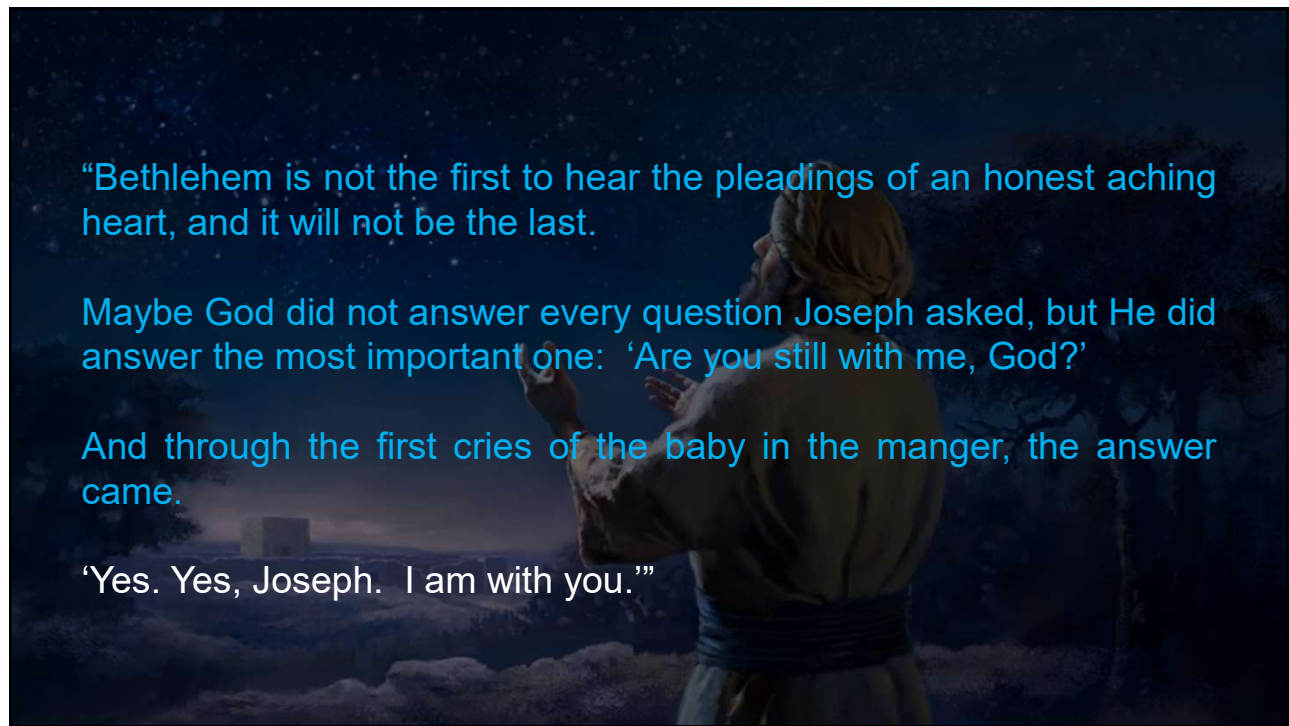


It was as if an earthquake rent, The hearth-stones of a continent,
And made forlorn the households born of peace on earth, good-will to
men!

And in despair I bowed my head; "There is no peace on earth," I said;
"For hate is strong, and mocks the song of peace on earth, good-will to
men!"

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God is not dead, nor doth He
sleep;
The Wrong shall fail, the Right prevail, with peace on earth, good-will to
men."

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“Bethlehem is not the first to hear the pleadings of an honest aching heart, and it will not be the last.

Maybe God did not answer every question Joseph asked, but He did answer the most important one: ‘Are you still with me, God?’

And through the first cries of the baby in the manger, the answer came.

‘Yes. Yes, Joseph. I am with you.’”