



Behold! Matthew 1:18-25

- **What surprised you about Matthew's version of the Christmas story this week? What did you learn about and take from Joseph?**
- **Why is the virgin birth such an important doctrine to the Christmas story and to our faith in general?**
- **How often do you question, "Where is God"? When have you gone forward with your plans, apart from God's plans, because you didn't truly trust God and grew impatient?**
- **We always have a tendency to not trust God. Since people aren't always trustworthy, we project this onto God. Yet God in his mercy is patient with us, he understands our hang-ups, and continues to pursue us in our weakness. Can you look back at a time where you know God kept you from something seemingly good and replaced it with something better?**
- **Have you simply thanked God lately for his personal care for you? That he always kept his promises to Israel and keeps his promises to you?**
- **A promise that is kept in the past is a reason to trust in the present. We can trust God because he fulfilled his most costly promise, the sending and sacrifice of his only Son, Jesus Christ.**
- **What are you holding back from God because you don't trust him?**
- **The Christmas story teaches us that grace is a person, and his name is Immanuel, Jesus Christ. Paul David Tripp**