



Sunday, December 22, 2019 | Wawasee Community Bible Church
Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

Part 4: **3 Dreams, Total Faith**

Matthew 1:18-25; 2:13-15, 19-23

Review: Some Basics About Angels

Angels are created, spiritual, moral, personal beings.

Nehemiah 9:6; Colossians 1:16; 2 Peter 2:4

There is rank among the angels.

Revelation 12:7-8; Jude 9

Angels have great power, but they are not God.

Matthew 28:2; Revelation 22:9; Mark 13:32; 1 Corinthians 6:3; Hebrews 1:4-7

Angels are great examples for us.

Their obedience is immediate, joyful, and without question and their worship is passionate, joyful, and unending (Isaiah 6:3; Revelation 5:11-12) — so should ours be. (Matthew 6:10)

Fallen angels are also an example to us as to how serious God takes sin, and the earned consequences for sin. (Matthew 25:41)

God does not offer redemption to the angels, so they long to watch what God is up to in saving humanity through Jesus.

Matthew 25:41; 1 Peter 1:12; Ephesians 3:8-10; 1 Corinthians 4:9; Hebrews 2:16; 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6

Angels remind us unseen world is very real.

Angels remind us that God's creation involves more than just what we see. There is also a spiritual realm that is very real, and we would be wise to be aware of it. (1 Peter 5:8; Ephesians 6:12; 2 Corinthians 10:3)

We should be aware of Angels existence, but shouldn't obsess.

Angels are real and we should be aware of their existence and their work (Hebrews 13:2), but we should never worship them or obsess over them, and we are **never** told in Scripture to seek them out. (Revelation 22:9; Colossians 2:18) They are fellow servants of God as we are. (1 Corinthians 6:3)

Always test the words of any spirit according to the Bible.

Additionally, we should be slow to accept any revelation in a dream or from an impression or from a spirit... and we should **always** test those things according to God's Word in the Bible. Satan likes to disguise himself as an angel of light, when he is in fact an angel of darkness. (2 Corinthians 11:14; Galatians 1:8; 1 John 4:1-3) *God will never contradict his Word.*

Joseph demonstrated total faith over and over!

- 1 Faith is **BELIEVING** God's Word
- 2 and **ACTING** upon it
- 3 (no matter how I **FEEL**)
- 4 because God **PROMISES** a good result.
- 5 — *And he keeps all of his promises!*

Round 1: Matthew 1:18-25

1 v. 20-21

2 v. 24-25

3 v. 19, 25

4 v. 21, 23

5 v. 22-23

Round 2: Matthew 2:13-15

1 v. 13

2 v. 14-15

3 v. 14-15

4 (v. 16-18)

5 v. 15

Round 3: Matthew 2:19-23

1 v. 20

2 v. 21

3 v. 22

4 v. 23

5 v. 23



Grow.

Food for Thought...

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

1. Often times it can be frustrating when our relationship with God isn't where we want it to be or where we feel it should be. Yet it's important to remember spiritual growth doesn't happen overnight; it's a process and happens by exercising true faith. How might the following verses encourage someone who's frustrated with their spiritual growth process?

John 16:33 Galatians 6:9 1 Peter 2:1-3 Psalm 120:1 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

2. Our faith is often a progression with one step building upon another. As we "**believe God's Word and act upon it**" we continue to grow in spiritual maturity. It's often a long process. From time to time, it can be good to take a hard look at these steps in our life and ask ourselves how we're doing. As you go through the verses below, identify some of the steps of growth rate yourself on each step from 1-5, with 5 being "I'm doing great" and 1 being "I need a lot of work."

Romans 5:1-5

James 1: 2-4 2

Peter 1:5-8

- Which rating stood out most to you and why?

3. As we grow, it's important to "add to" and "increase" godly qualities in our life. As simple as that sounds, it can be easy to forget as life gets busy. What one or two things, if increased or added to your daily routine, might have the most impact on your relationship with God? How can you exercise biblical faith to lay hold of his grace in this area?

For Parents & Children:

Ask your children what a promise is and get them to think about why we make promises. You might talk about the differences between the disappointment of promises that get broken and the joy in promises that are kept. Ask if they've ever broken a promise. Talk about times that you have. **Next, read Numbers 23:19 with them.** Talk with them about the truth that God keeps every promise he makes. Talk to them about how the birth of Jesus proves to us that God always keeps the promises he makes.

Life Group Sign-Ups Start Again in January!

Each fall and spring people from Wawasee Bible meet regularly in small groups to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups and they meet in various homes and on campus. If you really want to connect and grow, you need to get in a Life Group! If you're interested, look for sign-ups in January or let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin.



*During your prayer time this week, let's all be praying together about the following items.
Use the space at the bottom to record your personal prayer items, or requests from your Life Group.*

Neighboring Church

Pray this week for the ministry and people of Milford Chapel.

Personal Prayer Items

Word Find for Matthew 1:18-21 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

18 Now the **birth** of **Jesus Christ** took place in this way. When his **mother Mary** had **been betrothed** to **Joseph**, before they **came together** she was **found to be** with **child** from the **Holy Spirit**. 19 And her **husband Joseph**, being a **just** man and **unwilling** to put her to **shame**, **resolved** to **divorce** her **quietly**. 20 But as he **considered** these **things**, **behold**, an **angel** of the **Lord** appeared to him in a **dream**, saying, "**Joseph**, son of **David**, do not fear to take **Mary** as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the **Holy Spirit**." 21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name **Jesus**, for he will save his people from their sins."

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