

CHOSEN TO LEAD

Matthew 1:18-25
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INTRODUCTION

1. The **facts** about silent people
2. The **father** God chose for His son

A. A PERIOD OF **CONFUSION**

1. God comes into our lives to call us for a higher **purpose** (v. 18)
2. Oftentimes, this leads to a time of **perplexity** (v. 19)

B. A PERIOD OF **CLARITY**

1. God's will requires **patience** (v. 20a)
2. God's will is confirmed through the counsel of other **people** (v. 20b)
3. God's will reflects what He has done in the **past** (v. 20c)
4. God's will brings **peace** (v. 20d)
5. God's will provides a **plan** (v. 21-23)
6. God's will assure us of His **presence** (v. 23)

C. A PERIOD OF **COMPLIANCE**

1. We need to have **faith** in God's plans (v. 24a)
2. We need to **follow** on God's plans (v. 24b)
3. We need to be **faithful** in God's plans (v. 25)

CONCLUSION

TABLE TALK SERIES

1. Read the Christmas narrative from Matthew 1:18-25. Many scholars believe this passage can be divided into three parts. If you can see them, how do you divide and name each division?
2. Joseph is mentioned in the Christmas narrative, but oftentimes, we have not heard from him as he is overshadowed by other characters like Mary, the wisemen, the shepherds, Elizabeth, Zechariah, to name a few. How would you describe Joseph if he were here today and what were his specific qualities that God would choose him to be the earthly father of Jesus?
3. Joseph's role in the birth narrative is about a man who took a chance on God's will despite his precarious situation of marrying someone who is pregnant by the Holy Spirit (Matthew 1:18-19). Reading Matthew 1:20-23, what were some of the principles that allowed him to be faithful in following the will of God?
4. In Pastor Alan Dionson's sermon, he mentions how we can discern God's will through these different channels:
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How has these principles helped you in your own life in making decisions that align to the will of God?

5. Read Matthew 1:24-25. How did Joseph comply to what God has spoken to him? How can we be compliant to God's will in our lives?
6. Close the Life Group meeting by praying for one another for God's will to be realized in our lives.