**Greatest story ever told! -Jesus is the LORD and SAVIOR of the World!**

Matthew 1:1,18-21-26

DO you know how much God loves you?

**God will change our plans and I am thankful He did for my Salvation and Redemption! God is always Good & doing what is best for us!**

* Now things happen to us because we made bad decisions or someone else did.
* But when God wants something done it will be done!
* We have to BELIEVE IN GOD…
* My wife wasn’t feeling the baby for 3 days. Then she was having stomach contradictions.
* Praise God the wife is doing okay, and the baby is okay!
* Then we found out a good pastor friend in Clute Texas at First Baptist, lost a baby in their pregnancy.
* God wants us to trust in everything!
* Start trusting God in the small things and then the big things will be easier.

**God is sovereign and awesome and works in His plan!**

Job 25:2 Dominion and fear are with Him, He makes peace in His high places.

**God makes direction and weather do what He commands.**

Job 37:12 – “And it is turned round about by his counsels: that they may do whatsoever he commandeth them upon the face of the world in the earth.

**God’s plans are eternal.**

Psa. 33:11 “The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the thoughts [purposes] of his heart to all generations.

**No one can stop God’s plan.**

Isa 14:7-“The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet: they break forth into singing.

**Most of the things in our life we don’t have control of!**

* Our birth.
* Our race.
* Our year of birth.
* But what we can control is our faith and actions for the LORD!
* ILL- “a man was lost in the woods and couldn’t decided which way to go. He came across a path to safety and but he said to himself “momma always said don’t follow the path of anyone else.” They still haven’t found him.

**Jesus came to fulfil Salvation for Sinners!**

* Luke 19:10 “For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.”
* The Lord Jesus wanted to seek you and save you!
* If Jesus didn’t want you and me then we all will be without hope.
* Isaiah 7:14- “Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.
* God is good to us so He can have us with Him forever.
* ILL-Someone said “I want my kids to have all the things I couldn’t afford then I want to move in with them.”

**Only God can give us hope!**

* Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the thoughts [purposes] that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts [purposes] of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected [hopeful] end.”
* **What is hope?**
* Is God giving us a future in Heaven when we didn’t deserve it and when we could afford it.
* ILL-A boy wanted to drive a go-kart so bad but he was too small, so His dad put him on his lap and said to his son, I will drive the go-kart for you. And you can steer.
* **Why do I need it?**
* **We are wretched** – Rom 3:10 “As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:” – Wretched man that I am. What is wretchedness? Its when we say we want good and don’t do anything about it!
* **We are weak.** - Psa. 82:3 –“Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy.
* **We are wanning** - Rom 3:23-“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

**God changed Mary and Joseph’s plans!**

* But did it because He wanted them to know His Love!
* Mary and Joseph were obedient and trusted God!
* V25 – Joseph trusted God
* Luke 1:38- “And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.
* Are you ready to trust God? He is ready for you to start.

**Next Sunday we will talk about the Names of Jesus**

* Isaiah 9:6-“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.1