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Back 2 the Basics

Lesson 10-

Be a Giver

#2- Give Up...

Have teen read: Matthew 1:18

Question: What was Mary and Joseph's relationship when he found out she was pregnant? ENGAGED

Question: Was the baby from Joseph? Who was it from? THE HOLY SPIRIT; SHE WAS A VIRGIN

Have teen read: Matthew 1:19

Question: What word was used to describe Joseph? RIGHTEOUS MAN

*Joseph was forced to follow tradition by stoning Mary because she was pregnant. It was then that God stepped in and shared with Joseph that He was in control.

Have teen read: Matthew 1:20-25

Question: So, what did Joseph do? TRUSTED GOD AND EVENTUALLY MARRIED HER

I. Give Up Your POPULARITY

-it was up to Joseph to make the decision to marry her or not, but when he obeyed, he was blessed beyond measure

-Because he obeyed God gave Joseph the honor of naming "Jesus", meaning "God Saves"

-God will accomplish his plans, but it is up to us as to if we will be a part of it and blessed

Don't do what everyone else is doing...

A. The things and people who are popular now will CHANGE over time

*God remains the same

B. Those who you try to please will one day find someone ELSE "cooler" than you

*God loves you for you

C. Everyone else wants you to be something you AREN'T

*God designed you with a plan and He wants you to be who He created you to be

D. It is only through GOD that you will find PEACE, JOY, and GUIDANCE

*God sees the big picture and He desires to give you His best

II. Give Up Your COMFORT ZONE

***Now, we jump ahead to just after the wise men visit Jesus.**

Have teen read: Matthew 2:13-18

Question: What would have happened if Joseph wouldn't have left home? KING WOULD TRY TO KILL BABY

***God called Joseph to flee to Egypt (over 200 miles; like walking to Charlotte)... he obeyed**

Do what God is leading...

- A. God doesn't want us to be SPECTATORS, just taking in what He teaches**
- B. God wants DOERS that will make a big impact in His Kingdom**
- C. Doing big things for God will take FAITH and SACRIFICE**
- D. But...the end always results in GOD'S BEST**

Take it Home
Read Luke 1 & 2