



Matthew 2

13-23

New International Version

¹³When they had gone, an

angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.”

¹⁴So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, ¹⁵where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

¹⁶When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.¹⁷ Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

¹⁸“A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more.”^[d]

¹⁹After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt ²⁰and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are dead.”

²¹So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, ²³and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.

We must learn to navigate through the uncertain land that is our future with confidence. We must learn to listen from those who have more experience than we do with humility. And we must learn to be curious, courageous and adventurous if we expect to become more than we are.



Sermon Notes

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

Christmas comes with new problems, new dangers, and untraveled path

CONFUSION – This isn’t the direction I expected.

CHALLENGES – this is more demanding than I expected.

CHANGES - This is more humbling than I expected.

My Breakthrough Year

INSPIRATION – *what elevates and excites your spirit*

“Live out of your imagination, not your history.” S. Covey

DISCIPLINE – *what are you willing to commit to*

“Discipline is choosing between what you want now and what you want most.”

“Suffer the pain of discipline, or suffer the pain of regret”

ENGAGE – *Take the first step –you can at least go that far!*

PROBLEM OF INERTIA: *A body at rest stays at rest, a body in motion tends to stay in motion*

You don’t have to get it right, you just have to get it going.