WALK #4

Joseph:"...Changes us to look like Jesus..."

Matthew 1:18-25 / October 14, 2012

Start - Like father, like son

God the Holy Spirit takes the initiative through various means, in cooperation with our response changes us to look like Jesus in order to serve others to the glory of God.

Joseph in Jesus' life: unborn - Luke 2:4; 8 days - Luke 2:21; under 2 years - Matthew 2:13; over 2 years - Matthew 2:19; 12 years - Luke 2:41; 30 years - Matthew 13:35, Luke 3:23 and 4:22, 33 years

1. CHANGES

- Plans "pledged to be married" (18a)
- Unexpected "found to be with child" (18b, Deut. 22:23-24)
- Holy Spirit @ work (18b/20b)
- God's direction (20 angel appearance)
- How can I tell I'm changing?

2. LOOKS LIKE JESUS

- Do the right thing (19&20, 24&25)
- Salvation work (21&25 save...people...sins)
- Fulfill what The Lord said (22&23)
- How can I tell if I'm looking more like Jesus?

End - Immanuel - Like Father, like son - Hebrews 1:3, Colossians 1:27

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