

December 22, 2019
“Joseph, When Did You Know?”
(Matthew 1:18-25)

The church spends _____ weeks, the season of Advent, preparing for Christ’s coming, but the first Christmas was a total _____!

Matthew tells the Christmas story from _____ perspective, while Luke tells the story from _____ perspective.

The betrothal period usually lasted for _____ year/s.

We celebrate Advent, which means Coming. But we should really call it the season of _____.

The whole Christmas season is about waiting on the _____ of God.

How can we call this the Sunday of Peace?

#1.- It’s a reminder that knowing God’s _____ and knowing God’s _____ allows us to have peace.

Joseph had great _____ in his bride-to-be, but he also had great _____ in God!

That’s the only source for real _____!

The fact that Joseph considered the divorce option says that he was unsure that marriage to Mary was worth the _____.

Question: Why did God make Joseph wait before he told him who Jesus’ real father was?

#2.- It’s in the _____ rooms of life that we discover what we really _____ about God.

How do we _____ to our times of waiting?

Do we _____ on who God is and look for ways that God could be _____ in our situation?

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When God gave them the news about the birth of the Messiah, neither Joseph nor Mary started a _____ with God. They just _____!

#3.- Acting in _____ really is the _____ of Christmas.

It takes faith to say that Jesus came to _____ us from our sins and _____ us to God.

Charles Swindoll: *“Courage is not limited to the battlefield or the Indianapolis 500 or bravely catching a thief in your house. The real tests of courage are much quieter. They are the inner tests, like remaining faithful when nobody’s looking, like enduring pain when the room is empty, like standing alone when you’re misunderstood.”*

Joseph knew that he would be _____ alone. He knew that he would be _____.

Joseph trusted in the _____ of God!

He knew it was worth the risk to _____ God, even when it wasn’t easy!

That kind of faith and courage comes from trusting in God’s character and God’s promises!

I pray that you will find the Peace of God that comes from trusting in Immanuel – God with us – in all things!