

Sermon Notes

"Peace, Be Still"
Matthew 1:18-25
11/28/21

1. What kinds of things cause you to _____?
 - a. Worry is at the _____ of the _____ experience, isn't it?
 - i. And everywhere you look you see people _____ to _____ with it.
2. The biblical word for this, by the way, is _____.
 - a. There are no Greek words for _____, _____, or _____.
 - b. While giving it other names might be helpful to _____ it from other _____, it is helpful, I think, to realize what it really is.
 - c. As such, it is the _____ of that for which we just lit a candle: _____.
3. When I was a child, I _____ about all kinds of things.
 - a. By the time I was in middle school, it was somewhat _____.
 - b. And I _____ to _____ how to deal with it.
 - i. I knew that trusting _____ wouldn't work.
 - ii. I knew that trusting the _____ wouldn't work.
 - iii. I knew that trusting the _____ wouldn't work.
 - iv. Only trusting _____ would work.
4. It was clear from the scriptures that God _____ his children to worry, and give us many reasons not to worry, calling on us to _____.
 - a. But, _____ does that really mean – what are we _____ about God?
 - b. And _____ does one do that in a way that works?
5. These are the two questions at the _____ of our passage today.
 - a. Though Joseph's situation was _____, the answer to his fear is also the answer to _____.
 - i. And it is at the _____ of the Christmas story, for at the center of the Christmas story is dealing with our _____.
6. First, we need to look at _____ it meant for Joseph to _____ in this moment – what was he needing to trust?
 - a. To trust that this was, indeed, the _____ of _____. (vs. 20)
 - i. Given that Joseph was a _____, he could never be at peace unless he was assured that he was on a _____.
 1. _____ is only possible for the righteous. (Psalm 85:8-10, Isaiah 48:22)
 2. Therefore, in order for the righteous to _____ in _____, they must be confident that they are on a righteous path, or that they are walking their path _____.
 - a. This comes to us through the _____ of his _____.
 - b. While this path is unique to Joseph, the dynamics of _____ with his _____ are not.
 - b. To trust that the _____ of God in this call will, indeed, be _____. (vs. 21)
 - i. Righteous paths are filled with _____.
 1. Even here, _____ was 25-30%.

2. Not to mention the other _____ they would face. (vs. 19)
 - ii. We need to be assured that walking the path will not be in _____. (I Corinthians 15:58, Job 42:2, Revelation 3:7)
 - c. To trust that this is all somehow part of the _____ of God. (vs. 21)
 - i. That the good that is achieved will have _____ significance.
 1. “The things that _____ for peace,” lead to peace. (Luke 19:41-44)
 - a. And is the work of every _____. (Matthew 5:9, John 14:27)
 2. While it may be _____ to _____ in Joseph’s case, the same is true for us. (Ephesians 2:8-10)
7. And that leads us directly into _____ Joseph was to _____ in God.
 - a. By faithfully and obediently _____ the word of God to him. (vs. 24-25)
 - i. _____ the fear.
 - b. Trusting in God is always an _____ thing, and it is always focused on the _____.
 - i. This is why we are told to bring our concerns to God, “with _____.” (Philippians 4:4-7)
 - ii. “Aim to _____ a spot, not to _____ an area.” Jack Nicklaus
 - iii. Though Joseph’s fears were largely focused on the potential _____ and _____ difficulties he would endure, God does not _____ any of those issues with him.
 1. His _____?
 2. His _____?
 - iv. Instead, he focuses his attention on _____ and _____ him.
 - v. _____ will take care of itself.
8. So, God doesn’t address Joseph’s fears by _____ the cause of them, but rather by _____ him of his purposes in, and control of, the situation, and that it is central to his grand mission of _____.

Application

1. What kinds of things _____ you?
 - a. When it comes to dealing with _____ only trusting _____ will bring peace.
 - i. Trusting _____?
 1. that this path is the _____ of God?
 2. that his _____ will be achieved?
 3. that this is part of his grand and _____ mission?
 - a. That there is a _____ peace coming.
 - ii. Trusting _____?
 1. Obediently _____ his word down the path.
 - a. Including _____, which is grounded in _____.
 2. And _____ take care of the rest.