



**Sermon Outline
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Messy Lives

Matthew 1:18-25

The world is a messy place.

- * Sometimes God steps in to rescue from the mess.
- * Sometimes God works in the mess and through the mess.

**An _____ change in
circumstances can make life messy.**

Steps to take when life gets messy:

1. _____ to gain perspective.

Psalm 56:3-4 - When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise---in God I trust and am not afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?

* **Instead of just listening to yourself it's very important to _____ to yourself.**

Psalm 42:5 - Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

* **Pausing is not about _____.**

2. _____ with what you know.

Matthew 1:24-25 - When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

* **Obedience is always _____.**

Matthew 2:13-14 - When 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." So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt,

* **When you don't follow God's way the mess often gets _____.**

**3. _____ God for what you
can't understand.**

Proverbs 3:5-6 - Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

* **Trust generates assurance, peace, calm, and _____.**

Romans 8:28 & 32 - And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose... He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

**Important questions to answer
when life gets messy:**

**1. How/where do I need to _____
God in my life right now?**

2. What is the _____ of trust for me?
