

# Stories of Christmas

# THE BIG 3

THREE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

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## Joseph's Life Message

The PROBLEM Joseph faces provided him with the OPPORTUNITY to experience God in a new, deeper way.

## How Problems can be an Opportunity Matthew 1:18-25

- I. A problem is often the BEGINNING point of a DEEPENING work of God in your life.
- II. The TENSION of a problem often produces in you RECEPTIVITY to God.

## Application

Are you willing to have your world TURNED UPSIDE down by Jesus?

- III. Whatever situation you are facing the right step to take is to LISTEN to the Lord & DO what He says.
  - Even though it appears that it might cost you, don't be AFRAID to do as the Lord commands.
  - Joseph was willing to give up his IDENTITY & sacrifice his REPUTATION for Jesus.
  - Realize that the authentic, Christ-centered walk in God, will often put you at odds with CULTURE & with those who rely on RELIGIOUS practices.

## Conclusion

The problem in Joseph's life was the opportunity that led to true understanding of RIGHTEOUSNESS. Righteousness is by FAITH in Jesus.

## SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

**Only 23 spots left to fill!** That means only 23 people to do an hour of bell ringing! The dates help is still needed are Monday, December 11 through Thursday, December 14 at Walmart. Please sign-up at [www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B44ACA82BA3FF2-salvation1](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090B44ACA82BA3FF2-salvation1). You can do this individually, as a couple, as a family or a Growth Group. Contact Amber Hobbie (692-6671 or [info@gracepointwesleyan.org](mailto:info@gracepointwesleyan.org)) if you have questions.

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

There will be no Wednesday night Adult Growth Groups on Wednesday, December 20, 27 & January 3 (unless otherwise scheduled by your group). KidsPoint & GP Student Ministry (grades 6-12) will have their Christmas parties on Wednesday, December 13, but will not meet on December 20, 27 or January 3. All regular activities will begin again on Wednesday, January 10. Have a blessed Christmas & New Year!

## CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

GPW will host a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Saturday, December 23 at 6:30 p.m. & on Sunday, December 24 at 3 & 4:30 p.m. Join us as we reflect upon the Light that came into the world when Jesus Christ was born. Be sure to invite family & friends to join you for this special service. Childcare will not be available during the candlelight services.

On Sunday morning Christmas Eve, December 24 we will have one service at 10 a.m. Childcare will be available for nursery age children (0-2 years).



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