



I. WHY BETHLEHEM MISSED CHRISTMAS

The distractions, stress, and exhaustion of wrong priorities

“O Bethlehem Ephrathah, you are but a small Judean village, yet you will be the birthplace of my King who is alive from everlasting ages past!”

Micah 5:2 (TLB)

II. WHAT I LEARN FROM JOSEPH AND MARY—LUKE 1:26-38; MATTHEW 1:18-25

1. Remember that God knows exactly where I am

2. Understand that God is always with me

3. Trust that God always has a plan

I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out—plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for.

Jeremiah 29:11 (TMSG)

4. Know that God does His best work in my worst times

Something beautiful, something good
All my confusion He understood
All I had to offer Him was brokenness and strife
But he made something beautiful of my life
Bill Gaither

5. Believe that God can do the impossible

6. Realize that obedience is the key to every miracle