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“When God Interrupts Your Plans”



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I just like to smile, smiling's my favorite!



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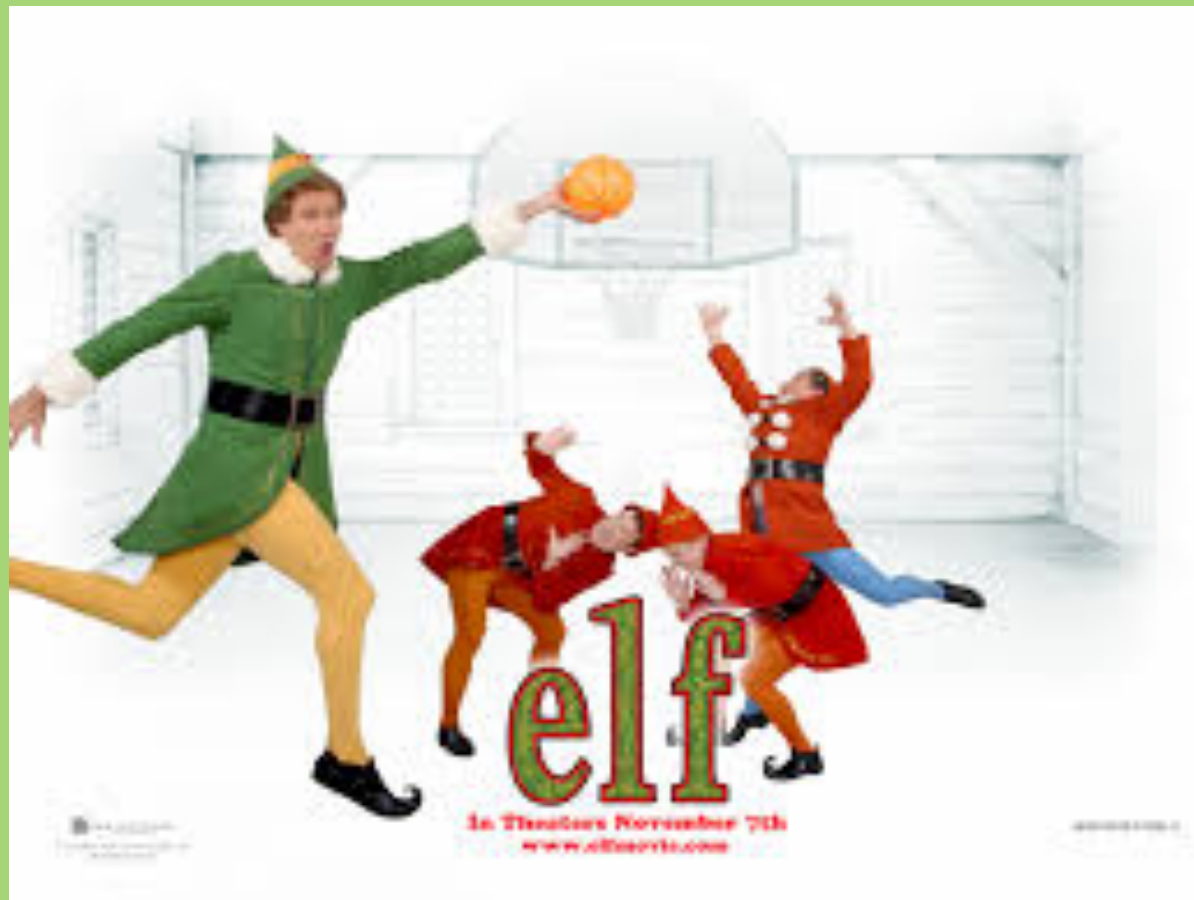


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Big Idea:

Sometimes, our plans **NEED**
to be interrupted, so we get
onto God's Plan, because
God's Plan is the Best Plan.



Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was with child through the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.



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²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”



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²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” --which means “God with us”. ²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.



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2. Huppah: 7 days; Wedding & Wedding Feast; Dowry.



How to end the betrothal???

- Cannot just “break up”.
- a legal proceeding required by law.

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Psalm 81:13 (NCV), God says:
“I just want you to listen to Me.”



Proverbs 16:25

“There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.”

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God's Plan for your life is better than your plan, but it's probably more difficult than your plan.





1. Corinthians 2:9

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him...

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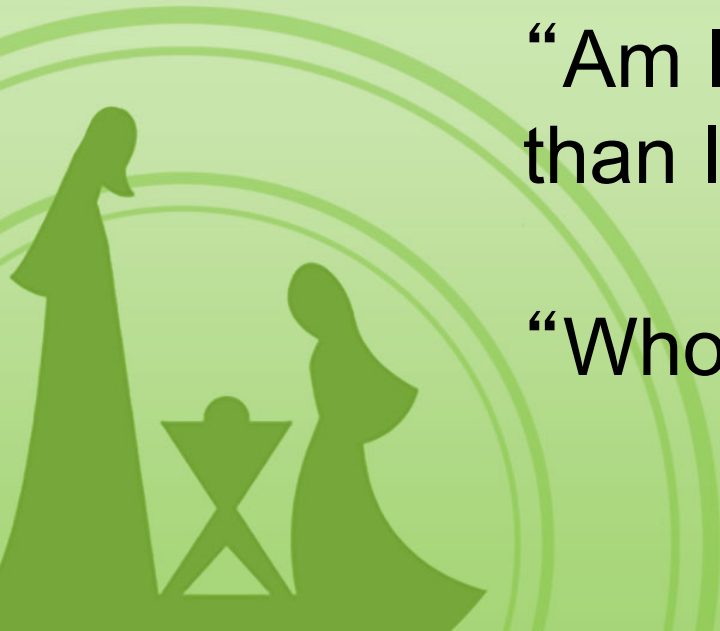


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“In what situation in my life, will I start trusting, leave most?”

