

“You Were Expected Too!”

This past Sunday evening Pastor Melvin Lane shared a message with us from Matthew 1:18-25, when the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph after he discovered Mary was pregnant, and he (Joseph) was considering divorcing her quietly. The angel explained to Joseph that the child Mary was carrying was conceived through the Holy Spirit, and that Joseph should make her his wife which he did.

I had no clue what to write when I sat here at my laptop, then I felt the Lord say He wanted me to let us know that it was highly unlikely that an angel appeared to either our father or our mother to announce our birth, and it's possible we were not expected nor planned for, like a former Pastor said when his 40 year old wife was pregnant, that the baby was “...not a mistake, but sure was a surprise!”

I think the majority of us were planned for, expected, and loved, but I felt God wants to speak to a few of you who maybe weren't expected, and were a surprise, possibly a very unpleasant surprise, and unlike how my former Pastor felt, you were considered a mistake. If this was the case, you might have grown up feeling unloved and rejected as a child, through no fault of your own.

If that was the case, I believe God wants you to know that you were not a surprise or a mistake in His eyes - you were planned for, and He was expecting you! Here's what Psalm 139:13-16 says about you: *“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.”*

God loved you so much He sent His only Begotten Son to die on a cruel cross as payment for your sins; Jesus loved you so much He endured scorn, ridicule, rejection, a horrible beating and an excruciating death on a cross, then was raised from the dead three days later to offer you the hope of eternal life through your faith in Him! And then God and Jesus showed their love for you by sending the Holy Spirit to dwell within you to be your Comforter, Counselor, and your Helper!

Your Abba Father loves you with and unconditional, everlasting inescapable love, and He wants you to know there may have been many who rejected you and looked down on you your entire life, but He is waiting with open arms for you to run to Him, and allow Him to embrace you, and tell you how special you are to Him! May this season bring a new “birth” in your relationship with God your Father! Amen!