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**Title** : God Knows  
**Text** : Matthew 1:18- 2:16

## **Introduction**

What we perceive is not what the situation actually is

- Joseph sold into slavery (Genesis 37-50 c.f. Genesis 45:7; 50:20)
  - Misunderstood and ridiculed
  - Betrayal of those closest to him
  - Victim of false accusations
  - A lesson in positioning for blessing
- Jesus dying on the cross (Philippians 2:5-11)
  - Pain
  - Abandonment
  - Shame
  - A lesson in obedience
- The first Christmas
  - A time of shattered dreams
  - A less than comfortable start to parenthood
  - Suffering of the “innocent”
  - A lesson in trust

## **In Times of Uncertainty**

- In Times of Uncertainty – Remember God’s Word
  - Gabriel gave God’s message, confirmed through Elizabeth – God confirms His Word
  - Romans 10:17; Psalm 94:12
- In Times of Uncertainty – Remember God’s Promises
  - Gabriel - “The Lord is with you”
  - Hebrews 10:23; 2 Peter 3:9
- In times of Uncertainty – Remember God’s Care
  - Dream given to Joseph
  - 1 Peter 5:7
- In times of Uncertainty – Remember God’s Purpose
  - Matthew 1:21,23
  - Philippians 2:13

## **Conclusion**

God brings things to pass in His own time

- Genesis 18:14
- Exodus 13:10
- Psalm 145:15
- Galatians 4:4