

**LIFE SUNDAY**

# Contradictions...

- Consider if a newborn child were still in its mother's womb, it could be legally destroyed in our country.
- Consider that we live in a country where many frown on using animals for medical research, and yet want to use human embryonic stem cells for research.
- Consider how political groups will assert their desire to make abortion safe, legal and rare. Safe for whom? The unborn child? The mother?
- Consider how people will debate at what point human life begins, but if we are uncertain why not err on the side of caution?
- Consider that American tradition favors expanding the community of those protected under the constitution, yet Roe vs. Wade restricts it.
- Consider how a thirteen year old should have parental consent in making the most minor decisions but is allowed to be guided by strangers when it involves her unborn child.

# God is your creator

(Psa 139:13 NIV) *For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.*

# God has a plan for your life

(Eph 2:10 NIV) *For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

## **Matthew 1:18-19 (NASB)**

*Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly.*

## **Matthew 1:20-21 (NASB)**

*But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. “She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”*

## **Matthew 1:22-25 (NASB)**

*Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a Son, and they shall call his name Immanuel," which translated means, "God with us." And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took Mary as his wife, but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus.*

## Matthew 2:13-15 (NASB)

*Now when they had gone, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared\* to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him." So Joseph got up and took the Child and His mother while it was still night, and left for Egypt. He remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called My Son."*



## **Matthew 2:16-17 (NASB)**

*Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he became very enraged, and sent and slew all the male children who were in Bethlehem and all its vicinity, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the magi. Then what had been spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled:*

## **Matthew 2:18 (NASB)**

*“A voice was heard in Ramah,  
Weeping and great mourning,  
Rachel weeping for her children;  
And she refused to be comforted,  
Because they were no more.”*

## **Matthew 2:19-21 (NASB)**

*But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared\* in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, and said, "Get up, take the Child and His mother, and go into the land of Israel; for those who sought the Child's life are dead." So Joseph got up, took the Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel.*

## **Matthew 2:22-23 (NASB)**

*But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Then after being warned by God in a dream, he left for the regions of Galilee, and came and lived in a city called Nazareth. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophets: "He shall be called a Nazarene."*

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## Point 1

**Men need to act honorably and**  
responsibly

## **A righteous man**

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## Evil men

*(2 Tim 3:6 NIV) They are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control over weak-willed women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires,*

## Young Men

*(Titus 2:6-8 NIV) Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled.*

*In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us.*



## Point 2

**God made men to lead.**

## Angel appears to Joseph

*(Matthew 2:13-14 NASB) Now when they had gone, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared\* to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him." So Joseph got up and took the Child and His mother while it was still night, and left for Egypt.*

# Manage your family

*(1 Tim 3:4 NIV) He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect.*

# Don't be a stumbling block

*(Mat 18:6 NIV) But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.*

## Point 3

**Fathers need to be the dad.**

## Son of Joseph

*(John 6:42 NIV) They said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I came down from heaven'?"*

## Fathers to their children

*(Mal 4:6 NIV) He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse."*

# **CONCLUSION**