

Hope during Hardship

Matthew 2:13-23

Three Godly People

- Joseph: Faithful to God's Word, reflected God's character, obedient (Mt 1:13-25)
- Mary: Pure, believed God's Word, surrendered (Lk 1:26-38)
- Jesus: God in the flesh! (Mt 1:23)

One Bad Situation (Mt 2:13-15)

- Run for your lives!
- Stay in this foreign land... until I tell you.
- Now that you have a baby, move away from family and friends.

Lies We Believe

- Godliness equals smooth sailing.
- Hardship must mean I am not in God's Will.
- Hardship is punishment for my sinful behavior.

Focus on Truth

- Satan's attacks are real. (Rev 12:4 & Eph 6:10-18)
- God uses trials to transform us. (Rom 8:28-39 & Jam 1:2-4)
- God's plan is good. (Gen 50:20)