

Overshadowed Series
Part One
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Opening

-Psalm 91:1-16

-(tell story of Derick's graduation and fog on the mountain, Copper Hill)

-When is the last time you felt enveloped by the shadow of the Almighty? When is the last time you felt surrounded by the power of the Most High? When is the last time you were overshadowed by your God?

Introduction

-Luke 1:26-37

Overshadowed – ep-ee-skee-ad'-zo in Greek

-Mount of Transfiguration (Matthew, Mark, and Luke)

-Peter's shadow passing over people (Acts)

-Distinct promises!

- The Lord is with you!
- The Word of God will never fail you!
- The Holy Spirit will come upon you!
- The power of the Most High will overshadow you!

-Matthew 28:20...we expect this one! (The Lord is with you!)

-Psalm 119:160...we expect this one! (The Bible will never fail you!)

-Acts 1:8...we expect this one! (The Holy Spirit will empower you!)

-Luke 1:26-37...but do we expect this one...to be overshadowed?

My Anger

-Colossians 3:21 (provoking as a father wound of not measuring up)

-I was failing miserably at this as a young father...

- Children 5 – 3 – 1
- Story of knocking over saltshaker at the table...
- Asking God about maybe a script operating in my life...
- Story of prayer session in my office at MCC...

-I certainly didn't become a perfect father but I absolutely became a better father!

-If this is you...

- Therapy = Yes
- Base Camp/The Well = Yes
- Overshadowing = Yes

Joseph's Family History

-Matthew 1:18-25

-I've always read this text as Joseph not at first believing Mary's story.

- Gabriel tells Mary she will become pregnant in Luke.
- Matthew here picks up after she is already pregnant.

-Understanding first century marriage

- 1. Engaged – arranged early on, even at infancy**
- 2. Espoused – usually during early to mid teens**
- 3. Betrothed – the actual wedding**

Once a couple is "espoused" they are considered married and cannot be separated without an actual divorce...adultery at this stage could result in Mary's stoning.

-But maybe Joseph was going to send her away because HE DID believe Mary and Gabriel but didn't believe in himself.

-Luke 2:1-5

- Joseph is in the line of David
- This means that Jesus could have a rightful claim to Israel's throne

- **Jeremiah 22:30**

- **Matthew 1:9-11**

- Jeconiah and Jehoiachin are the same person

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- (work through what Joseph might have been thinking...helping Mary and Jesus by distancing himself)

-anybody here have some family history that is troubling?

Band

-When is the last time you felt enveloped by the shadow of the Almighty? When is the last time you felt surrounded by the power of the Most High? When is the last time you were overshadowed by your God?

-next week we are diving back into the genealogy of Jesus from Matthew and Luke, explaining why they are different but also noticing some curious choices by God given their reputations including another look at Joseph...idea being that when we feel UNFIT for what God is asking of us...we need to be OVERSHADOWED!

-and the week after that, let's talk about the feeling of being DISPOSSESSED...when it feels like the world has taken more from us than our fair share.

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