**Manger Things: Change of Plans –– *Shayne Brown***

“Jesus holds the entire cosmos together with his word; therefore, we do not invite Jesus in to be an assistant in our life, rather we submit our life to him as our Lord.” J.I. Packer

**Luke 1:26-38, Matthew 1:18-24**

* **There were huge consequences in this change in plan.**
* **Mary and Joseph trust God even when they don’t understand.**
* **God is at work even when we don’t see it.**

**Take Away 1: The response of Mary and Joseph challenge the way many of us handle changes to our plans.**

**“The Christian faith is not a negotiation but a complete surrender to the Lordship of Jesus” Tim Keller**

**Take Away 2: Following Jesus means a life of interruptions. Bring it on!!!**

**Got Questions? Text 613-803-7515 or email shayne@pathwaycc.ca**

1. Take time to review Sunday’s teaching. What was one idea or thought that really grabbed your attention?
2. What was something you disagreed with or that challenged you the most?
3. What is your most common response when things happen that change your plans? How do you typically respond?
4. Read Luke 1:26-38
5. What verse stands out to you most as you read this part of the Christmas Story and why?
6. What stands out to you about the way Mary responds to the change of plans in her life?
7. Read Romans 8:28, Jeremiah 29:11, and Luke 9:23
8. What do these verses reveal to us about God?
9. Does this mean that everything in our lives will work out just the way we want it to? Why do you think this?
10. How do these verses get played out in the lives of Mary and Joseph?
11. Spend time praying for one another this week.