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The Escape to Egypt

13When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

14So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, 15where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son."

16When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. 17Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

18"A voice is heard in Ramah,
weeping and great mourning,
Rachel weeping for her children
and refusing to be comforted,
because they are no more."

The Return to Nazareth

19After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt 20and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child's life are dead."

21So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. 22But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, 23and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.

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Fleeing from Danger

When reading through this passage, I cannot imagine how scared it must've been scary for Joseph and Mary. They are told flee their home, as the ruler of their home was going to search for and kill their infant child. Could you imagine anything more scary? Instead of letting their fear overwhelm them, Joseph and Mary continue to show their faith in the face of difficulty and follow what the Lord says. Their story shows over and over again that when you follow God's will, no matter how crazy or scary it can be, he will protect and provide for you in the moments you need it most.

Reflection Points

1. What fears do you have that are preventing you from following God completely?
2. When difficult situations arise, what is your initial response to those moments?
3. Are there situations that you need to ask for repentance for a poor response to what was asked of you?

Prayer for Today:

Thank you God for providing for me in the midst of danger. Thank you for caring for me so much that you call me to do things even when you know it will be scary and challenging.