December 2, 2018 – Part 1: "The Unsung Hero" – Pastor Ken Harrell

Introductory statement

In order to understand Christmas,

you have to go to the _____ of the _____.

1. When _____ floods your mind, trust God's promise. Prov 3:5,6; Matt 1:18–25

Note: The first time Joseph is ever mentioned, his life is _____ _____ _____.

A. He doubted _____.

B. He doubted _____.

C. He doubted _____.

Three theories, according to history, about Mary's pregnancy

1. It was _____ child.
2. Mary had a _____ _____.
3. Mary was _____.

Any one of these would have brought immediate and lasting shame to Joseph. There would be the dirty looks and whispers behind his back. His family would have to endure the gossip. And all of his life he would have to put up with the hostile stares and filthy criticism of people.

Note: The bottom line reason why he married her and kept her a virgin until after Jesus was born, was not just because he loved her, but because he _____ _____.

Remember: For every problem there is a _____.

2. When _____ strikes, trust God's promise. Matt 2:13–15

*Sometimes the path God takes us on isn't the easiest path or even the safest path, but it is **ALWAYS** the surest path to His blessing and His protection.*

Note: The most dangerous place to be is _____ _____ the Will of God.

3. When _____ arises, trust God's promise. Matt 2:19–23

Why did Jesus have to live in Nazareth?

Because God _____ He would.