

# Taking control, in my out-of-control world

## Matthew 2:1-12

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The Bible is not Systematic Theology, but Salvation History

### 1. Be . . . . . in the good times. 2:13-15

<sup>4</sup> Idle hands make one poor, but diligent hands bring wealth. <sup>5</sup> He who gathers crops in summer is a prudent son, but he who sleeps during harvest is a disgrace. Proverbs 10:3-5

Be in a . . . . . space. v13

Beware of T. . . . . people.

Maximise your time with people who . . . . . your soul.

Be . . . . . in decision making. v14

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Be . . . . . in God's plan. v15

<sup>15</sup> Pay careful attention to how you live; not as unwise - but as wise; <sup>16</sup> redeeming the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> So, do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Ephesians 5:15-17

God's will: 2 Peter 3:9, 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

### 2. Be . . . . . in the hard times. 2:15-18

Evil people are . . . . . v15

Antichrist: 1 John 2:18, 1 John 2:22, 1 John 4:3, 2 John 1:7

Evil actions are . . . . . v16

Love is . . . . . Toxic is . . . . .

Evil impacts are . . . . . v17-18

Never doubt in the dark what God taught you in the light.

### 3. Be . . . . . for the new times. 2:19-23

Move . . . . . the new times. v20-21

Move . . . . . into the new times. v20-21

Move into . . . . . times. v22-23

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## My prayer priorities for 13 January 2019

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### My favourite song from today is

| Our God is an awesome God | Stand up and bless the Lord | The battle belongs to the Lord | Above all (item) | God is our strength and refuge | God exalted Him to the highest place | You rescued me | Because He lives |

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### Thought provokers and discussion starters

1. What marked King Herod's behaviour as toxic?
2. Think of someone you know who exhibits toxic behaviour. Should you help this person? What help is best for them, and for you?
3. "Maximise time with people who nourish your soul." What nourishes your soul.
4. What is meant by, "Love is hurtful. Toxic is harmful"?
5. Would God hurt me? Should I hurt others? How should I react when others hurt (or harm) me?
6. Why would God allow Joseph to settle in such mundane location as Nazareth? This seems contrary "bigger and better" theology.

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