**Christmas Road Trip** (Graphic)

**What percentage of Americans travel for Christmas?**

1. 25%
2. 33%
3. 42%

*(Answer: B 33%)*

**What is the most traveled day of the year?**

1. Dec 23rd
2. Dec 24th
3. Jan 1st

*(Answer: A Dec 23rd)*

**How far is the average Christmas trip?**

1. 150 miles
2. 250 miles
3. 275 miles

*(Answer: C 275 miles)*

**A Close Call to Collision**

(Matthew 1:18-19)

“This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.”

**What am I going to do now?**

(Matthew 1:20-23)

“But after he had **considered** this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name **Jesus**, because he will save his people from their sins. All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).”

**What to do when you don’t know what to do.**

1. **Ask.**

**Questions to ask:**

1. How should I respond to this?
2. Who should I involve?
3. What should I do?
4. When should I do it?
5. Am I open to God’s surprise?
6. **Listen.**

(Proverbs 22:17) ESV

“Incline your ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply your heart to my knowledge, for it will be pleasant if you keep them within you, if all of them are ready on your lips.”

1. **Trust**

(Matthew 1:24-25)

“When Joseph woke up, **he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him** and took Mary home as his wife. But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name **Jesus**.”

How many good plans have we **crashed** because we acted too soon.

Don’t **derail** due to the **details**.

The **unexpected** can lead to something **unprecedented**.