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13. When 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.”
14. So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt,
15. where 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.”[[]

You Can't Be Serious ...? **Part 2**

Introduction...

- **Last time we looked at :**
“Get up, take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt”.
- This morning we will look at what comes next ...

13. **“So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt,**
14. **where he stayed until the death of Herod”.**

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Part 2

An Interview with Joseph in Egypt

- Who's calling the shots here ? **God**
- Who's time frame are you working from? **God's**
- Where these terms discussed and agreed to in advance ? **No**
- Have you any say over the length of your stay in Egypt? **None**
- Were you given any prior knowledge/ warning that this would required of you? **No**
- How does all this tie with "God Loves You" and has a wonderful plan for your life? **You tell me...**

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Part 2

What Egypt Most Likely Represents For You

- ❑ You end up being in a **place /circumstances** not of your choosing and where you would rather not to be.
- ❑ You have **no control** over the time frame or the duration of your circumstances .
- ❑ You were **never consulted** or had agreed to the current circumstances in advance?
- ❑ You had to **let go** your hopes, dreams for the **foreseeable** future
- ❑ You discover **saying Yes** to God is costly and more demanding than you had realized

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and left for Egypt,
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- Now residing in Egypt, what is most **crucial** word in this command? **Stayed**
- The Significance of “**Stayed**”
- The success of “*God’s plan of salvation*” at this early stage depended on them **staying** in Egypt until...
- Stayed** is achieved only by “**Continuous-Obedience**”
- Though commanded to stay they could have **chosen** to disobey and leave Egypt at a time of their choosing.

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STAYING

Obedience

Endurance

Flexibility

Self-Sacrifice

You Can't Be Serious Man... **“Life-Applications”**

□ The Importance of **STAYING...**

1. What will be achieved by **“staying”** ?
2. Will it have **significance** in the God's eyes ?
3. If I quit **who** pay's the price ?
4. Would God **entrust me** with the responsibility if I was unable to see it through?

