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After Christmas

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**Matthew 2:13-15**

**Listen** \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 13)

- We Have To Do This Before We Can Listen To God
- 1 Kings 19:9-12

**Expect** \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 13b)

- People
  - Romans 14:13
- Problems
  - Matthew 6:25 & 34
- Persecution
  - Matthew 5:43-44
- Priorities
  - Matthew 6:33

**Be** \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 14)

- Acts 7:51

**Rely On** \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 15)

- Hosea 1:1
- Isaiah 40:8 & 1 Peter 1:24-25

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## **Sermon Talks:**

1. How does the anticipation of Christmas impact your spiritual life and relationship with God? How can we maintain that sense of anticipation throughout the year?
2. In what ways can we cultivate the habit of listening for God in our daily lives? Share a time when you felt God speaking to you in a subtle way.
3. What are some common distractions that prevent us from hearing God's voice? How can we overcome these distractions?
4. How do you typically respond to unexpected obstacles or challenges in your life? How can we prepare ourselves spiritually to face such obstacles?
5. Jesus warned against worry in Matthew 6. How do you handle worry and anxiety, especially after the busy Christmas season? What strategies can help us trust God more during stressful times?
6. What are your current priorities, and how do they align with seeking God's kingdom first (Matthew 6:33)? What changes might you need to make in your priorities?
7. How do you respond to changes in plans or unexpected directions from God? Share an example of a time when flexibility helped you grow in your faith.
8. How has the Bible provided guidance and reassurance in your life? Can you share a specific verse or passage that has been particularly meaningful to you recently?
9. Now that Christmas has passed, what steps can you take to keep the spirit and message of Christmas alive in your heart and actions throughout the year?

**Pray about it: Meditate on God's Word (Matthew 2:13-15) and this week's message**

**Adoration:** What can I praise God for in light of what this teaches me?

**Confession:** What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

**Thanksgiving:** What can I thank God for in light of what He has done?

**Supplication:** What do I need to ask God in order to grow in light of this?