

East Side Church of God

Life Notes

Witness The Call
December 13, 2009

Text: Matt 2:11-15; Hosea 11:1

Christmas Presence #1: Christmas calls us to **accept** God's **provision** for us when we do not know the journey ahead.

And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way. –Matthew 2:11-12 (ESV)

Christmas Presence #2: Christmas calls us to **experience** God's **protection** for us through His presence with us on life's journey.

Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. –Matthew 2:13-15a (ESV)

Christmas Presence #3: Christmas calls us to **respond** to God's **promise** of redemption for the **prodigal** in all of us.

This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son." –Matthew 2:15b (ESV)