

Chat with the Children: Shredder

- Demonstrate shredder:
 - get someone to write something on a bit of paper, but through shredder, and try and read it!
 - Things we've done or said or failed to do this past year:
 - regrets and failures... turn of the year... putting past behind us?
 - *You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea. Micah 7:19*
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Introduction

- In between times:
 - between Christmas and New Year
 - between jobs
 - between relationships
 - between one season of ministry and another
 - between one season of life and another - before kids, kids leaving home, retirement...
- Jesus between his arrival on earth and the beginning of his ministry:
 - what marked this **in between time**?
 - very little to go on!!
 - apart from the narratives of his birth and the events immediately prior to his ministry starting - John the Baptist, etc - we only have the passage we read this morning...

Faithfulness

- In parenting, in living for God, consistency...

Pursuing God

- Questions, rather than pride filled answers, but his real understanding - relationship - comes through...

Confidence in identity

- His Father's house - confidence!

Learning Obedience

- Choosing to practise...

Conclusion

- What will feature in your living in the year ahead?