

From Wrecked to Righteous

Not Your Average Joe

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"This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph, to whom she was engaged, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly."

Matthew 1:18-19 (NLT)

What will you do if God interrupts your dreams?

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1. Obey God in Spite of _____.

Luke 1:34-37 (CEV) – "Mary asked the angel, "How can this happen? I am a virgin!" The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come down to you, and God's power will come over you. So your child will be called the holy Son of God. Your relative Elizabeth is also going to have a son, even though she is old. No one thought she could ever have a baby, but in three months she will have a son. Nothing is impossible for God!"

a) No _____ lacks the _____ for its fulfillment.

b) My _____ is God's _____.

Matthew 1:20-25 (NLT) – "As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."... When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife. But he did not have sexual relations with her until her son was born. And Joseph named him Jesus."

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2. Obey God in Spite of _____.

Luke 2:1-7 (NLT) – "At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child. And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no room at the inn."

Micah 5:2 (NLT) – "But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, are only a small village among all the people of Judah. Yet a ruler of Israel, whose origins are in the distant past, will come from you on my behalf."

3. Obey God in Spite of _____.

Matthew 1:24 (NLT) – "When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife."

Matthew 2:13-14 (NIV) – "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." So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt."

Matthew 2:13-14 (NIV) – Matthew 2:19-21 (NIV) After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child's life are dead." So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel.

Matthew 1:19 (NLT) – "Joseph, to whom she was engaged, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly."

RIGHTEOUSNESS: To live according to _____.

"I will hurry, without delay, to obey your commands."

Psalms 119:60 (NLT)

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