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Living the Nativity

Having the Faith of Joseph

Matthew 1:18–25 (HCSB)

The birth of Jesus Christ came about this way: After His mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, it was discovered before they came together that she was pregnant by the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹ *So her husband Joseph, being a righteous man, and not wanting to disgrace her publicly, decided to divorce her secretly.*

²⁰ *But after he had considered these things, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, don’t be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because what has been conceived in her is by the Holy Spirit.”* ²¹ *She will give birth to a son, and you are to name Him Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.”*

²² *Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: **See, the virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they will name Him Immanuel,** which is translated “God is with us.”* ²⁴ *When Joseph got up from sleeping, he did as the Lord’s angel had commanded him. He married her ²⁵ but did not know her intimately until she gave birth to a son. And he named Him Jesus.*

1. FAITH HELPS US _____ THE IMPOSSIBLE

v 19 *So her husband Joseph, being a righteous man, and not wanting to disgrace her publicly, decided to divorce her secretly.*

- Joseph drew a natural _____ about Mary’s condition.
- Joseph wanted to do what was right.
- Joseph extended _____ to his betrothed who was filled with God’s grace.

2. FAITH ALLOWS US TO _____ GOD’S PLAN

vv 20-23 *But after he had considered these things, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, don’t be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because what has been conceived in her is by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to name Him Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.” Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: **See, the virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they will name Him Immanuel,** which is translated “God is with us.”*

- _____ to listen to God over your emotions.
- Knowing God’s Word gives us an advantage in gaining the right perspective.
- _____ from God empowers us to have faith in the impossible.

3. FAITH _____ US TO ACTION

v 24-25 *When Joseph got up from sleeping, he did as the Lord’s angel had commanded him. He married her ²⁵ but did not know her intimately until she gave birth to a son. And he named Him Jesus.*

- Once we _____ God has spoken, we immediately obey.
- Obedience allows us to set aside our rights and demands.

“When you face a crisis of belief, what you do next reveals what you really believe about God.”

~ Henry T. Blackaby, Experiencing God Day by Day

The Next Step:

Be ready for God’s next assignment and activate your faith to obey God’s request.

