



# THE GREATEST GIFT



## **“Purpose Anxiety”**

the stress, insecurity, fatigue, and frustration that arise from trying to define and achieve one's life purpose.



18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 19 And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.

Matthew 1:18-25



20 But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 1:18-25



21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:  
23 “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

Matthew 1:18-25



24 When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, 25 but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Matthew 1:18-25







## Questions...

How did Mary get pregnant through the Holy Spirit?

**(Virgin Birth)**



## Questions...

Why did Joseph have to divorce Mary if they weren't married yet?

**(Jewish betrothal was legally binding.)**



Plot twist...

From adultery to adoption!



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3. He was ready to listen and obey (verse 24)



In the last days, God says,  
“I will pour out my Spirit on all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
your young men will see visions,  
your old men will dream dreams.”

Acts 2:17



# The Contribution Project



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“Invite people to think about a contribution they want to make and help them to make that contribution, and that person will walk around with greater purpose.”



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# Unwrap Your Gift of Purpose:

- Be right with God
- Be reflective in crisis
- Be ready to listen and obey



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Matthew 1:21





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