



THE WEARY WORLD REJOICES

Matthew 1:18-23 NLT

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. ¹⁹ 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.

²⁰ 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. ²¹ And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

²² All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet: ²³ "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'"

John 14:16 NLT

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you.

Deuteronomy 31:6 NLT

So be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid and do not panic before them. For the LORD your God will personally go ahead of you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you.

1. When I am afraid, God is with me.

Genesis 26:23-24 NLT

From there Isaac moved to Beersheba, ²⁴ where the LORD appeared to him on the night of his arrival. "I am the God of your father, Abraham," he said. "Do not be afraid, for I am with you and will bless you. I will multiply your descendants, and they will become a great nation.

2. When I am in trouble, God is with me.

Psalm 59:16-17 NLT

But as for me, I will sing about your power. Each morning I will sing with joy about your unfailing love. For you have been my refuge, a place of safety when I am in distress. ¹⁷ O my Strength, to you I sing praises, for you, O God, are my refuge, the God who shows me unfailing love.

Psalm 32:7 NLT

For you are my hiding place; you protect me from trouble. You surround me with songs of victory.

3. When I am under attack, God is with me.

Jeremiah 1:19 NLT

They will fight you, but they will fail. For I am with you, and I will take care of you. I, the Lord, have spoken!

Isaiah 8:10 NLT

Call your councils of war, but they will be worthless. Develop your strategies, but they will not succeed. For God is with us!

4. When I am sharing my faith, God is with me.

Acts 18:9-10 NLT

One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision and told him, "Don't be afraid! Speak out! Don't be silent!"¹⁰For I am with you, and no one will attack or harm you, for many people in this city belong to me.

Matthew 28:20 NLT

Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.