

Matthew 1:18-25 The Story of Obedience
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God could have chosen someone who was wealthy, or someone with a lot of power but God chose a humble Mary and Joseph.

Your “status” does not dictate God’s calling.

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28)

In every circumstance, God is drawing you closer to Jesus

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 1:18 NKJV)

The Messiah who was to be born of a virgin.

Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. (Matthew 1:19 NKJV)

Joseph had three options.

But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 1:20 NKJV)

1. It is **very rare** God speaks to us through dreams
2. Dreams **NEED** to align with the Word of God
3. Dreams or personal experiences **DO NOT** hold more authority than the scriptures

And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins. (Matthew 1:21 NKJV)

The newborn King is here to bring salvation

“I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6)

We were once in bondage to this “**spiritual death**” but Jesus offers salvation to anyone who accepts that finish work on the cross...

But to him “the person” who does not work “for salvation” but believes on Him “Jesus” who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness (Romans 4:5)

The newborn King is the only one who can restore us with a perfect God

So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.” (Matthew 1:22-23 NKJV)

Jesus endured our pains and trials so He can relate to us.

For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrew 4:15-16)

We are called to live BOLDLY, not because we have all the correct answers but because we are not alone in Christ.

Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS. (Matthew 1:24-25 NKJV)

God uses ordinary faithfulness to accomplish extraordinary purposes