

## **HOLY MOMENTS—1**

### **WHEN IT'S HARD TO OBEY**

- **Life is not measured by time. Life is measured in moments.**
- **You have no idea what God can do through one moment of obedience.**

#### **Title—When It's Hard to Obey**

*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. Matthew 1:18 NLT*

- **A carpenter (Matthew 13:55)**
- **A righteous and faithful man (Matthew 1:19)**
- **Descendant of David (Matthew 1:20, Luke 2:4)**
- **Mary's husband (Matthew 1:16)**
- **Jesus' earthly father (Matthew 13:55, Luke 3:23, John 1:45)**

*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. ..." Matthew 1:20 NLT*

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

- **You don't have to understand completely to obey immediately.**
- **Obedience is our responsibility—the outcome is God's.**

*“... For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. ” Matthew 1:20-21 NLT*

## TALK IT OVER

Read **Matthew 1:24**. We're called to obey God, even when we don't fully understand. When does that feel easy, and when does that feel difficult?

Talk about a time when God showed up through the obedience of another person. How did that impact you and your relationship with God?

Is God calling you to take a step of obedience? What would it look like to take that step this week?