

Christmas Emotions Part 1 - Fear

Matthew 1:18-25

4 Steps to Move from Fear to Faith:

1. Reckoning

Matthew 1:18–25 (ESV)

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph,

2. Reality

18b. before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

3. Resolution

¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.

4. Revelation

a. Accurate Diagnosis

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.

b. Adequate Description

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).

c. Actionable Decision

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.