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of

HOPE

Matthew 1:18-25











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“She should be brought to the door of her father’s house and there the men of the town shall stone her to death.”

(Deuteronomy 22:21)

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“She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

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Four Traits of a Consistent God-Follower



1. DO IT NOW



“When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.”

(Matthew 1:24)

“I will hasten and not delay to obey
your commands.” *(Psalm 119:60)*

“This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome.” *(1 John 5:3)*



2. KEEP ON TRUSTING



“But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.” *(Matthew 1:25)*

3. STAY FLEXIBLE

“When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream.”

(Matthew 2:13)

“Get up,” he said. “Take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.”

(Matthew 2:13b)

“So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod.” *(Matthew 2:14, 15a)*



4. TAKE A RISK



“After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said...”

(Matthew 2:19)

“Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are dead.” *(Matthew 2:20)*



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“So then, anyone who **hears** these words of mine and **obeys** them is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.” *(Matthew 7:24)*

BOTTOM LINE:

I may not know
EVERYTHING,
But I can do the
NEXT THING



The angels'
message is never
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It's “BELIEVE!”





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