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[Matthew 1:18](#) (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*.

[Luke 1:26–35](#) (NLT) In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. ²⁸ Gabriel appeared to her and said, “Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!” ²⁹ Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. ³⁰ “Don’t be afraid, Mary,” the angel told her, “for you have found favor with God! ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!” ³⁴ Mary asked the angel, “But how can this happen? I am a virgin.” ³⁵ The angel replied, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God.

LIFE PRINCIPLE... What you do when life throws you a curveball is extremely important...

What are we to do when life throws us a curveball?...

First: Trust the Lord to Lead You Through it

[Proverbs 3:5–6](#) (NLT) Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. ⁶ Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

Second: Stay Calm and Don't Overreact!

[Philippians 4:6–7](#) (NLT) Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. ⁷ Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

[Psalm 94:13](#) (AMP) "That You may give him power to keep himself calm in the days of adversity..."

Third: Refuse to think Negative Thoughts

[Philippians 4:8](#) (NLT) And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

[Isaiah 26:3](#) (NLT) You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!

[Matthew 1:19](#) (NLT) 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.

LIFE PRINCIPLE... Always do the right thing, even when it's hard to do...

[1 Peter 3:14](#) (NLT) "... even if you suffer for doing what is right, God will reward you for it..."

[Matthew 1:20–25](#) (NLT) 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.'" ²⁴ When Joseph woke up,

he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not have sexual relations with her until her son was born. And Joseph named him Jesus.

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