

The Precedents

The Glory Of Christmas

Aspect #1

Showing Up To Show Off

Imperfect Perfection

Genesis 12-22

Genesis 25-35

Genesis 37-50

Exodus

Joshua 2

David's Story

Aspect #2

Regular Joe

Matthew 1:18 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. **19** 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 [divorce her] quietly. **20** 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, [Jesus means "The Lord saves."] 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, [Isaiah 7:14; 8:8,10] 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. (NLT)

Why Me?

Great = Least

Aspect #3

Unlikely Hero

Unworthy Selection

Unbelievably Loving

Uniquely Positioned

Matthew 1:20 "...do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife..."
(NLT)

Aspect #4

Glorious

Do not be afraid to _____.

Trusting

Available

Chosen

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

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