

"The Lasting Message of Christmas"

"Many people have set out to write accounts about the events that have been fulfilled among us. They used the eyewitness reports circulating among us from the early disciples. Having carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I also have decided to write a careful account for you, most honorable Theophilus, so you can be certain of the truth of everything you were taught."
Luke 1:1-5 (NLT)

1. There is a voice that you must trust

"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. Joseph, her fiancé, was a good man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly. 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. And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'" Matthew 1:18-21 (NLT)

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for prayer after service.**

"...pray for one another..." James 5:16

"In the sixth month, God sent an angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, 'Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.' Mary was greatly troubled

at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end.' 'How will this be,' Mary asked the angel, 'since I am a virgin?' The angel answered, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God'" Luke 1:26-36 (NIV)

What are the impossibilities that are controlling you?

2. There is a fear you must conquer

"When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife. But he did not have sexual relations with her until her son was born. And Joseph named him Jesus." Matthew 1:24-25 (NLT)

In what areas of your life are you limiting God?

What steps will you take to change that?

3. There are promises that you must believe

"Mary said, 'I am the Lord's servant, and I am willing to do whatever he wants. May everything you said come true?' And then the angel disappeared." Luke 1:38 (TLB)

"Oh, how often they rebelled against him in those desert years and grieved his heart. Again and again they turned away and tempted God to kill them, and limited the Holy One of Israel from giving them his **blessings.**" Psalm 78:40-41 (TLB)
