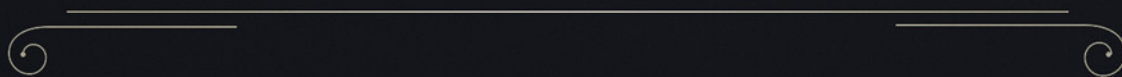




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Faith

"Unbelievable"
Matthew 1:18-25

1. Having faith means I believe **THAT** God's word is true. I assent to the facts of who Jesus is and what he accomplishes.



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**The child is conceived
by the Holy Spirit.**



Mary will give birth to a
Son who is to be named
Jesus, or “God Saves.”

Jesus will save his
people from their sins.



Both Jesus' identity
and mission fulfill Old
Testament prophecy.



Jesus is God with us,
God in the flesh, yet
still completely God.



When I have faith, I
believe these things to
be true. I give my
intellectual, logical
consent.







What *do* I believe about
Jesus? Do I believe
what the Bible says?

2. Having faith means I
will believe **IN** Jesus: I
will trust him
personally enough to
act on what God says.



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**First, Joseph was to
take Mary home to be
his wife. 1:20**



Secondly, Joseph was to claim the child as his own and give him the name Jesus.

1:21



**This is the crisis of belief
for Joseph. What he does
next reveals what he
believes regardless of
what he says. 1:24-25**



Faith means I personally trust and believe Jesus enough to act on what God has said and done, regardless of the personal cost to me.





**What has God said and
done recently that require
me to trust Him?**

**What actions can I take
that will reveal my
personal trust in Jesus?**

I invite you to consider what the Bible is telling you about Jesus: **conceived by the Spirit, sent to save us from our sin, sent to fulfill ancient promises, and sent to reveal that God is with us.** What do you believe to be true about Jesus?



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