



The Christmas Crisis

Matthew 1:18-25

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Big Idea: How you respond to a crisis of belief will open or close doors for God's activity in your life.

Matthew 1:18-21 ESV

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. **19** And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. **20** But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. **21** She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

As a believer, expect crisis of belief moments to come.

In a crisis of belief, expect that be assured that God's wisdom will be different than man's.

Proverbs 3:5-6 ESV Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Character, not circumstances, will determine how you will handle a crisis of belief.

Now is the time to work on your character, not when a crisis comes!

In a crisis of faith, fall back on the Gospel message.