

# fear not

## FEAR OF WHAT PEOPLE THINK

*Matthew 1:18-25*

Option #1: Process life through ...

What will people think of me?

Option #2: Process life through ...

What is God's mission for me?

Application:

- 1) Joseph is not spared hardship because he was righteous, but he was chosen because he was righteous.
- 2) The world doesn't need another righteous reputation, the world needs a Savior.

# MY APPLICATION

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- 1) What are the things that stress you out about Christmas and the holidays? Do you find yourself thinking about how people feel about you?
- 2) Why did God delay his message about the Divine origin of Mary's pregnancy as Joseph struggled with what he was going to do? Do you have a difficult path ahead of you with few answers from God?
- 3) Read Galatians 1:10. What are your observations of this verse? Compare these observations with Joseph's situation in Matthew 1:18-25.
- 4) What is God's mission for you this Christmas? Try to be specific.

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## MEMORY VERSE

*She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.*

***Matthew 1:21***