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is coming*

Finding Peace in our Turmoil

Matthew 1.18-25

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Source: Reuters



Source: Newsweek

Joseph's Turmoil (Mt 1.18-19)

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

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Joseph's Dream (Mt 1.20-21)

²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ 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."

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Joseph's Faith-Act (Mt 1.22-25)

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.



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Immanuel (God with us) (cf. Isaiah 7.13-17)

¹³ Then Isaiah said, “Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: **The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel...**

¹⁷ The LORD...will bring the king of Assyria.”



Implications

- God with us...we have a choice in turmoil
- Choose not to trust and obey...consequences
- Choose to trust and obey...peace

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Philippians 4.6-7

⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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John 14.25-27

²⁵ “All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, **the Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ **Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.**

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- Peace with God and through God
(Eph 2.11-22)
- Peace is a promise that God keeps!

