

Afraid Of What People Think

Fear Not, Part 1

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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. 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.

Matthew 1:18-19

Pleasing God Often Means _____
People.

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. 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 1:20-21

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Living For God Instead Of People

1) If you're not ready to be _____
for your obedience to God, you're not ready
to be _____ by God.

- **The more you do, the more pain you'll experience**

2) Extraordinary Acts Of God Often Start With
Ordinary Acts Of _____.

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

Matthew 1:24

For Discussion

- How might you be obsessed by what people think of you?
- Describe a time when you were criticized for your obedience to God. What did you learn from your experience?
- What has God put on your heart? What ordinary act of obedience do you need to take?

**All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted*