

When It's Hard to Obey

Holy Moments: Part 1

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Life is not measured by _____,

Life is measured in _____.

You have no idea what God can do through one moment of _____.

The birth of Jesus Christ came about this way: After His mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, it was discovered before they came together that she was pregnant by the Holy Spirit. So her husband Joseph, being a righteous man, and not wanting to disgrace her publicly, decided to divorce her secretly.

But after he had considered these things, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because what has been conceived in her is by the Holy Spirit.

...When Joseph got up from sleeping, he did as the Lord's angel had commanded him. He married her but did not know her intimately until she gave birth to a son. And he named Him Jesus.

Matthew 1:18-21, 24-25

You don't have to _____ completely to _____ immediately.

Obedience is our _____.

The _____ is God's.

We don't need to _____ more.

We need to _____ more of what we already _____.

"...don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because what has been conceived in her is by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to name Him Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins."
Matthew 1:20-21

This is going to _____ me something, but it'll be _____ it.

"You are My friends if you do what I command you."

John 15:14

And this is love: that we walk according to His commands.

2 John 1:6

Talk It Over With Someone

1. Reading Matthew 1:24, we're called to obey God even when we don't fully understand. When does that feel easy – and when does that feel difficult?
2. Talk about a time when God showed up in your life through the obedience of another person. How did that impact you and your relationship with God?
3. Is God calling you to take a step of obedience right now? What would it look like to start saying, "Yes" this week?

* All scriptures from HCSB unless otherwise noted