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Matthew 1: Blind Faith

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Matthew 1:18-25, Luke 1:26-38

Blind Faith:

What can we learn from Joseph and Mary

1. _____ in and _____ in God's supernatural power
2. Rely on God's _____ to act in wisdom
3. Understand God's _____ to, and _____ of, His Word
4. Be _____ to _____ His Word

"No faith is required to do the possible; actually only a morsel of this atom-powered stuff is needed to do the impossible, for a piece as large as a mustard seed will do more than we have ever dreamed of."

~ Leonard Ravenhill

"Faith sees the invisible, believes the unbelievable, and receives the impossible."

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~ Corrie Ten Boom

Sermon Talks

1. What caught your attention in this week's message? Was there something you had never heard before or something you had a question about?
2. What does the word faith mean to you?
3. Read the following verses: Proverbs 3:5-6, 2 Corinthians 5:7, Romans 10:17, Hebrews 11:1, Hebrews 11:6, Ephesians 2:8-9. What do these verses tell us about the importance of faith?
4. Can you remember a time when you had no idea about a particular outcome and had to have faith that it would work out? If so, explain.
5. Put yourself in Joseph's shoes.
 - Considering what you know about the customs of that time, how would you have reacted to your fiancé becoming pregnant?
 - What would you have done?
 - Would you have trusted God the way Joseph did?
6. Put yourself in Mary's shoes.
 - How do you think you would have reacted to the angel Gabriel's news?
 - How would you have explained things to your family? To your friends?
7. What impresses you most about Joseph and Mary's story?
8. How is your faith in the Lord? Are there specific areas of your life that could use more faith?

Pray about it: Meditate on God's Word (Matthew 1:18-25 and Luke 1:26-38) and this week's message.

Adoration: What can I praise God for in light of what this teaches me?

Confession: What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving: What can I thank God for in light of what He has done?

Supplication: What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?