

## sermonnotes

### The Miracles of Christmas: Part 2



The wonder of the Christmas miracle is that it occurred over 2000 years ago but is still happening today for those who are open, willing, and seeking.

Although Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit, He would need an earthly father, one who would be a willing \_\_\_\_\_ in God's plan of redemption.

#### Matthew 1:18–24

As Joseph was considering his options and how he should respond to the crisis at hand, he is encountered by an angel and invited into the miracle of Christmas.

#### Who are the candidates for God's miraculous work?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ people. (Matthew 1:24)
  - Joseph was willing to respond to the direction of the angel even though he did not have all the \_\_\_\_\_. As God invited Joseph into the miracle of the birth of Jesus, he was a willing participant.
  - In God's sovereign plan, He has chosen not to manipulate or control the human will. Therefore, to be a candidate for the miraculous that the Holy Spirit would birth in you, there must be an \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_ to be used.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ people. (Mathew 1:19)
  - There is no doubt that as Mary's pregnancy began to reveal itself people began to ridicule, accuse, and condemn Joseph. It required courage to move forward in the adversity.
  - When God invites us into miraculous opportunities, it will always stretch our lives, challenge our faith, and move us out of our comfort zone.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ people. (Matthew 1:24)
  - If we want to experience God's miraculous work in our lives on a consistent basis then we must be willing to...
    - Go God's way.
    - Live God's Word.

Living in the miracle of Christmas will not be a random act, but it comes to people like Joseph who are responsive, courageous, and obedient.

"God is looking for people through whom He can do the impossible. What a pity that we plan to do only the things we can do ourselves."—A. W. Tozer

Answers: participant; Responsive; details; openness, willingness; Courageous; Obedient; way, word



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