

THE PEOPLE IN THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Joseph & Mary: Servants

Matthew 1:18-25

20 As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit.

24 When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife.

Luke 1:26-38

28 Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!"

29 Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean.

30 "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God!

31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus.

38 Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true." And then the angel left her.

Serving Is Your _____

Serve In The Midst Of _____

Proverbs 20:24 The Lord directs our steps, so why try to understand everything along the way?

Romans 11:33 Oh, how great are God's riches and wisdom and knowledge! How impossible it is for us to understand his decisions and his ways!

Serve In The Midst Of _____

Matthew 5:11 "God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers.

1 Peter 3:14 But even if you suffer for doing what is right, God will reward you for it. So don't worry or be afraid of their threats.

Serve When It Is Not _____

Serve Out Of Your _____

Philippians 4:13 For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

Serve And Be Willing To _____

1 Corinthians 1:25 This foolish plan of God is wiser than the wisest of human plans, and God's weakness is stronger than the greatest of human strength.

Let God Determine The _____

Ecclesiastes 3:11 Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end.

Hebrews 3:14 For if we are faithful to the end, trusting God just as firmly as when we first believed, we will share in all that belongs to Christ.