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## **The Mess and the Majesty** **Matthew 1:18-25**

Waiting faithfully involves embracing both the mess and the majesty.

- Don't let the mess rush your decision making.
- God uses the mess to magnify the majesty.
- God wants the mess to build our trust.

**Memory Verse:** "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel (which means, God with us)." - Matthew 1:23 (ESV)

**Other Scripture:** Psalm 27:13-14; Proverbs 3:5-6, 20:22; James 5:7-8; Romans 8:25; Isaiah 43:2

### **Further Study:**

**Read:** Matthew 1:8-25 in your group or with at least one other person.

1. Have someone read it while everyone reads along.
2. Have someone else read it while everyone else listens.
3. Have someone recount the text from memory in their own words.

### **Discuss:**

1. What does the passage reveal about God?
2. What does the passage reveal about humanity?

### **Act:**

1. If this passage is from God, what should change about how you live?
2. Who needs to hear the truth of this Scripture that you can share it with this week? Identify a time this week when you might have the opportunity to share with them.