



This is how the birth of Jesus Christ took place. When Mary his mother was engaged to Joseph, before they were married, she became pregnant by the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband was a righteous man.—Matthew 1:18-19a (CEB)

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Following God's Direction requires us to _____.

Reflection Questions:

- † Where do you sense God inviting you to trust more deeply in this season of Advent?
- † What judgments are keeping you from responding to God's guidance?
- † How might you make space to listen for God's voice in quieter, more intentional ways?

Challenge

Identify one relationship or situation where you can respond with mercy instead of frustration or judgment. Take one concrete step that reflects Joseph's faith-filled and compassionate heart.

Daily Prayer

Holy God, help me slow down and listen for your guidance. When I feel uncertain, give me courage. When I am tempted to judge, teach me mercy. Shape my heart so I may follow your leading with trust and love. Amen