

Expecting Expect Company

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What is making me feel _____ or _____ right now?

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. **Matthew 1:18-19, NIV**

³⁰ But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

³⁴ “How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

³⁵ The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. **Luke 1:30-35, NIV**

Has something recently happened that...

- Threatened a vital _____ in my life?
- Created a _____ about my character?
- Unexpectedly set my life on a _____ course?

²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” **Matthew 1:20-21, NIV**

³⁰ He then brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” ³¹ They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.” **Acts 16:30-31, NIV**

Expecting company means that we trust Jesus’ _____
_____ in our lives. This gives us new _____,
new _____ and a new _____.

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus. **Matthew 1:22-25, NIV**

¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. **Isaiah 7:14, NIV**

Expecting company means that we step out on the bold truth that God is _____ and _____ based on our faith.

²³ Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. **Hebrews 10:23-25, NIV**

Expecting company means that we are in _____ and encouraging one another not to _____ in our faith.

MEMORY VERSE

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”). **Mt. 1:23, NIV**

My next step: I will expect Jesus’ company in my life, and I will be Jesus’ company in someone else’s life to encourage them.

What’s your next step today?

Mark it on your Communication Card.