



#2 The Need For Change

1. Believe that God's _____ are _____.

Luke 1:26-27 (NLT) In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David.

Isaiah 7:14 (NCV) The Lord Himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be pregnant. She will have a Son, and she will name Him Immanuel.

2. Become the person that is _____ for _____.

4 qualities that prepare us for God's plan:

- _____.
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3. Give God your _____.

Luke 1:28-33 (NLT) Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!" Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!"

4. _____ with God's _____ of change.

Matthew 1:19-25 (NLT) Joseph, her fiancé, was a good man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly. 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. And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet: "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'" When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife. But he did not have sexual relations with her until her son was born. And Joseph named him Jesus.

God wants to:

- Examine our thoughts.

Psalm 26:2 (GW) Examine me, O Lord, and test me. Look closely into my heart and mind.

- Open our mind to His truth and will.

Psalm 119:18 (CEV) Open my mind and let me discover the wonders of Your Law.

- Cleanse our mind from sinful thoughts.

Psalm 51:10 (CEV) Create pure thoughts in me and make me faithful again.

- Heal our mind from diseased thoughts.

Luke 8:35 (NCV) And people went to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man sitting at Jesus' feet, clothed and in his right mind, because the demons were gone.

- Liberate our mind from demonic thoughts.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NCV) We do live in the world, but we do not fight in the same way the world fights. We fight with weapons that are different from those the world uses. Our weapons have power from God that can destroy the enemy's strong places. We destroy people's arguments and every proud thing

that raises itself against the knowledge of God. We capture every thought and make it give up and obey Christ.

- Protect our mind from destructive thoughts.

Isaiah 26:3 (NLT) You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!

- Fill our mind with a love for Him.

Matthew 22:37 (Living) Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind."