

1. Describe something in your life that was difficult to accept but that you know was necessary? What made it difficult? What made it necessary?
2. Read Matthew 1:18–25. What did Joseph have to accept here that would have been terribly difficult in any time? What about the time in which Joseph existed made it particularly difficult?
3. Why did God send His Son in this particular way? What about the virgin birth makes it a necessary doctrine for us as Christians to accept?
4. Read 1:24–25. How does Joseph's response to the angels' message demonstrate for us how to respond to God, even when what He's doing seems confounding to us?
5. Ask God for the resolve of Joseph to obey Him no matter what. And make a commitment to Him today to do just that in whatever situation you find yourself.