Matthew 1:18-19 NLT

This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph, to whom she was engaged, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly.

Luke 1:38 NET

So Mary said, "Yes, I am a servant of the Lord; let this happen to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Peace is still available even when the circumstances are less than desirable!

Step 1: Know God loves me no matter what!

John 3:16 NLT For this is how God loved the world: He **gave** his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

1 John 4:9-10 NLT

God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

Isaiah 54:10 NLT

For the mountains may move and the hills disappear, but even then my faithful love for you will remain...

Step 2: Believe God has a purpose, even when I don't understand the plan!

Matthew 1:20-21 NLT

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 <u>he will save his people from their sins</u>."

Step 3: Realize my disappointment, may be a divine appointment for something better!

Matthew 1:22-24 NLT

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."