

## You shall name him Jesus. Matthew 1. 18-25

## Week One

### Day One.

Listen to the episode. Read the following question, and write your answers in the box provided.

**Start by imagining** what Joseph must have felt when he heard the news that Mary was pregnant? How do you think he felt? How would you have felt in his place? Then do the same thing regarding Mary, this time asking what you think it was like for her in this situation?

**Reflection:** Joseph found that he had to trust Mary. And he had to trust God. Which of your relationships make demands on you regarding trust. What is God teaching you? What about your trust of God? Do you really trust him? How is God stretching you? Ask God for forgiveness, where necessary, and for greater trust in his provision for your life.

Prayer.

### Day Two.

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**In Jewish culture**, marriage reflected God's covenant with the Israelites. What can be learnt from reflecting on marriage being a covenant of this kind? Read Isaiah 62.5; Isaiah 54.5; I Kings 8:23; 2 Kings 17.35; 2 Chronicles 6.14; Ezra 3.11; Psalm 98.3; (optional, of course)

**Reflection:** Think about your marriage. (If you're not married, reflect on a relationship that holds a covenant aspect to it. Eg. Commitment to a close friend, a relative) God was faithful and true to Israel. In what areas is God challenging you regarding your own faithfulness in your marriage? Is there any area that requires confession and God's mercy? Ask him today to guide you into greater holiness in your marriage.

Prayer.

## Day Three.

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**God with Us.** In what ways is God with you? How do you recognize his voice? How does God's presence with you differ when you face challenges in life?

**Reflection: Jesus' name** meant The Lord saves. If you were able to give a meaning to your name, what would it be? Your name should define the destiny you believe God has called you to. Take a few moments to think carefully what your name would mean. It should be a short phrase that defines you.

God has a different calling for each of us. Sometimes, that calling can change. In what ways is God speaking to you regarding his calling on your life?

Prayer.