

# STORIES OF HOPE

*told through Mary & Joseph*

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# Mary chooses faith. Luke 1:26-38

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**28** And he came to her and said,  
“Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is  
with you!” **29** But she was **greatly**  
**troubled** at the saying, and **tried to**  
**discern** what sort of greeting this  
might be.

**30** And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, **Mary**, for you have found favor with God. **31** And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name **Jesus**.”

**32** He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, **33** and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

**34** And **Mary** said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

**35** And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.



**36** And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. **37** For nothing will be impossible with God.”

**38** And **Mary** said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

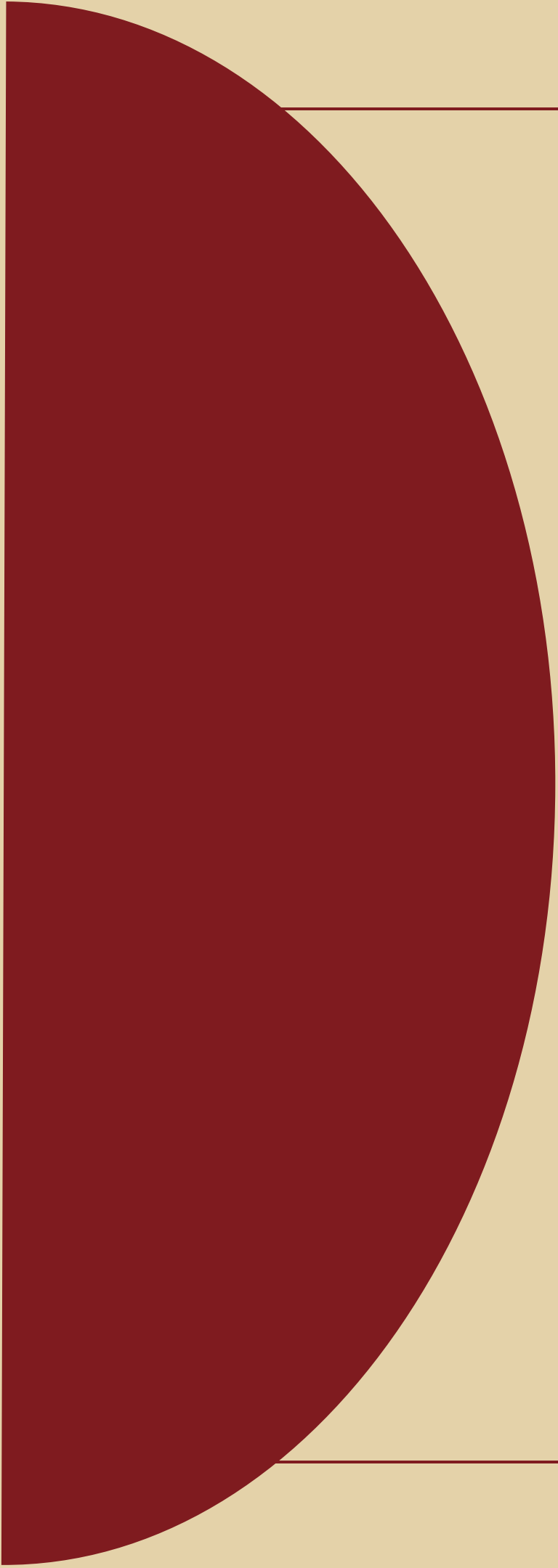
## Joseph Chooses Faith. Matthew 1:18-25

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of **Jesus Christ** took place in this way. When his mother **Mary** had been betrothed to **Joseph**, before they came together **she was found** to be with child from the Holy Spirit.



**19** And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, **resolved** to divorce her quietly.



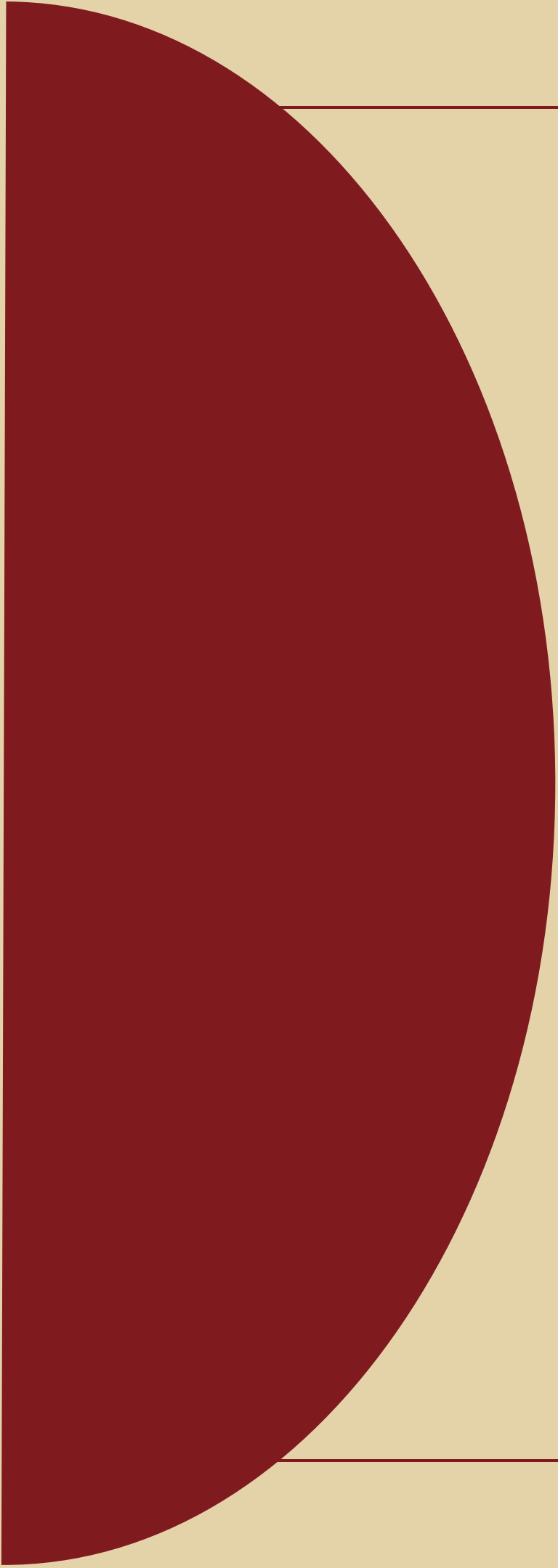


**20** But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “**Joseph**, son of David, do not fear to take **Mary** as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. **21** She will bear a son, and you shall call his name **Jesus**, for he will save his people from their sins.”



**22** All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

**23** “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel”  
(which means, God with us).



**24** When **Joseph** woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, **25** but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name **Jesus**.

# Defining Faith.

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20



Faith that pleases God chooses to know and obey God's Word regardless of feelings, circumstances, or cultural pressures.

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# Faith Actions

## 1. Embrace Faith.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
and do not lean on your own  
understanding. In all your ways  
acknowledge him, and he will make  
straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5–6

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3. Expect Empowerment.

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