



True Christmas

Christmas Dreaming

Key Scripture:

John 1:9 NIV

The **True Light** that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

Dreaming of a White Christmas

Matthew 1:18-25 CEV

18 This is how Jesus Christ was born. A young woman named Mary was engaged to Joseph from King David's family. But before they were married, she learned that she was going to have a baby by God's Holy Spirit. 19 Joseph was a good man and did not want to embarrass Mary in front of everyone. So he decided to quietly call off the wedding. 20 While Joseph was thinking about this, an angel from the Lord came to him in a dream. The angel said, "Joseph, the baby that Mary will have is from the Holy Spirit. Go ahead and marry her. 21 Then after her baby is born, name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." 22 So the Lord's promise came true, just as the prophet had said, 23 "A virgin will have a baby boy, and he will be called Immanuel," which means "God is with us." 24 After Joseph woke up, he and Mary were soon married, just as the Lord's angel had told him to do. 25 But they did not sleep together before her baby was born. Then Joseph named him Jesus.

Why do we give up on our dreams?

- ✓ **Fear** - before they were married...she was going to have a baby.
- ✓ **Doubt** - that she was going to have a baby by God's Holy Spirit.
- ✓ **Rejection** - He decided to quietly call off the wedding.

What is your dream? _____

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Unwrapping A Dream...

1. **Power** - the Holy Spirit is working within you.

Matthew 1:18 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**.

Ephesians 3:20 TLB

Now glory be to God, who by **His mighty power at work within us** is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or **even dream of-ininitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes**.

2. **People** - Do things with the interests of others in mind.

Matthew 1:19 CEV

Joseph was **a good man and did not want to embarrass Mary** in front of everyone.

Philippians 2:3-4 NCV

- 3 **When you do things, do not let selfishness or pride be your guide.** Instead, **be humble and give more honor to others than to yourselves.**

4 **Do not be interested only in your own life, but be interested in the lives of others.**

3. **Purpose** - Trust that God's promises will fulfill His purpose.

Matthew 1:21-23 CEV

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