



# the Journey

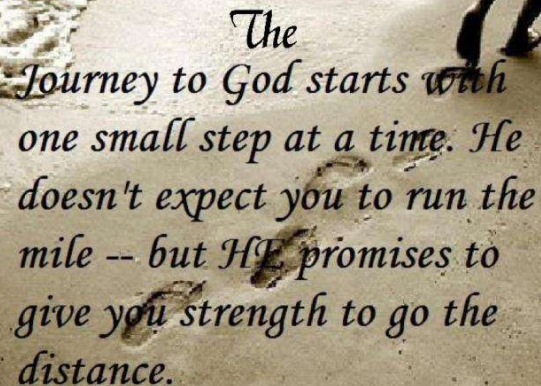
# of faith

Love is the  
source and goal;

faith is the  
slow process  
of getting there;

hope is the  
willingness to  
move forward  
without resolution.

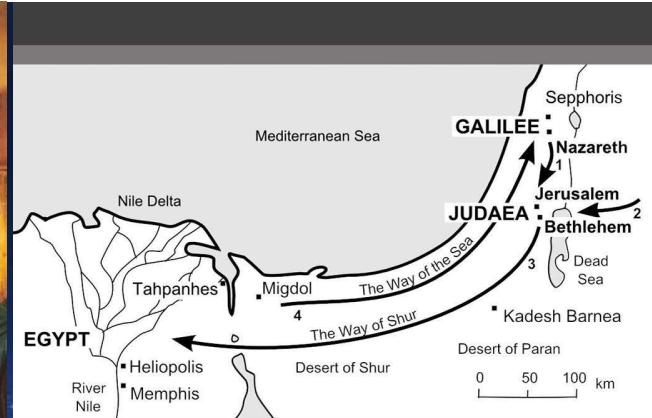
—Richard Rohr



*The  
Journey to God starts with  
one small step at a time. He  
doesn't expect you to run the  
mile -- but He promises to  
give you strength to go the  
distance.*





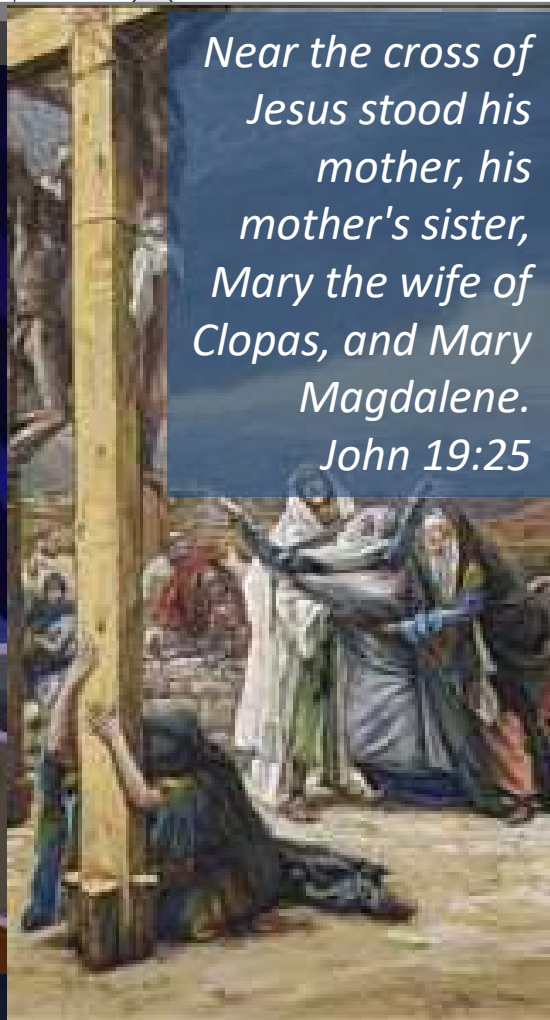


1. *A Journey of the Remnants - Nov. 28*
2. *A Journey of Pioneers - Dec. 5*
3. *A Journey of the Virgin - Dec. 12*
4. *A Journey of the Angels & the Shepherds - Dec. 10*
5. *A Journey of the Child - Dec. 24*
6. *A Journey of the Wise - Dec. 26*
7. *A Journey to the Year of Lord's Favor - Dec. 31*



# A Journey from Afar

*Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. John 19:25*





# Luke 1:26-38

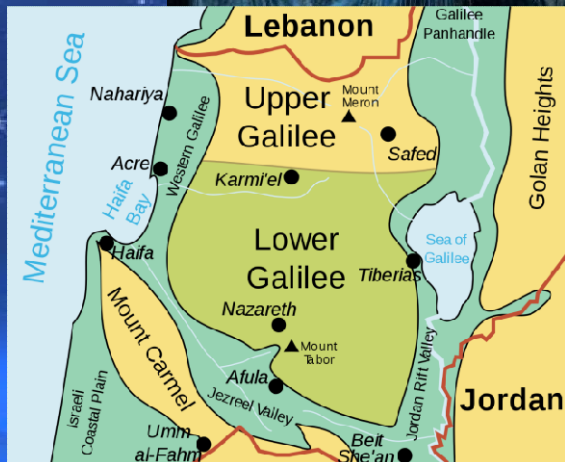
## God's Design for the Salvation of All Humanity



*In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary.*

*"Greetings, the Lord be with you... Don't be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name **Jesus**.*

*(Luke 1: 28-31)*





# Luke 1:26-38

## God's Design for the Salvation of All Humanity



*"He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his Kingdom will never end."*

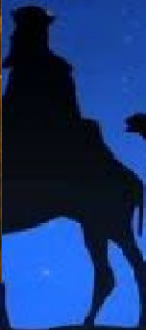
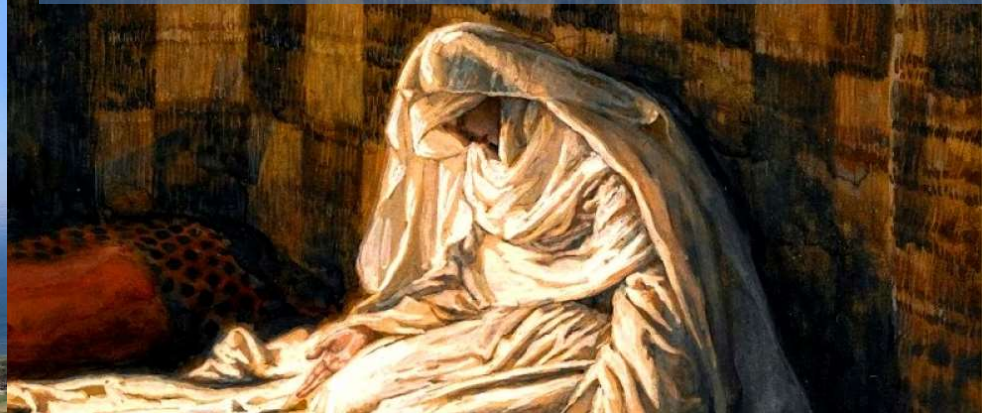
*(Luke 1:32-33)*



**..and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end**

Luke 1:33

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# Luke 1:26-38

*Mary Had Been Chosen, "Favored" by God*

Behold, the  
*virgin* shall  
conceive and  
bear a SON,  
and shall call  
HIS name  
IMMANUEL

Isaiah 7:14

**I think it  
is possible  
for ordinary  
people to  
choose to  
be extraordinary.**

**Elon Musk**

*What would you do with a Strange Blessing (calling)?*



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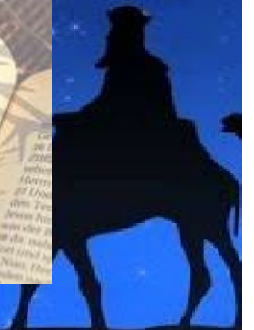
*Let Your Servant Find Favor in Your Sight.*



I am your  
*servant.*

*Let it be to me*  
according to your word.

Luke 1:38



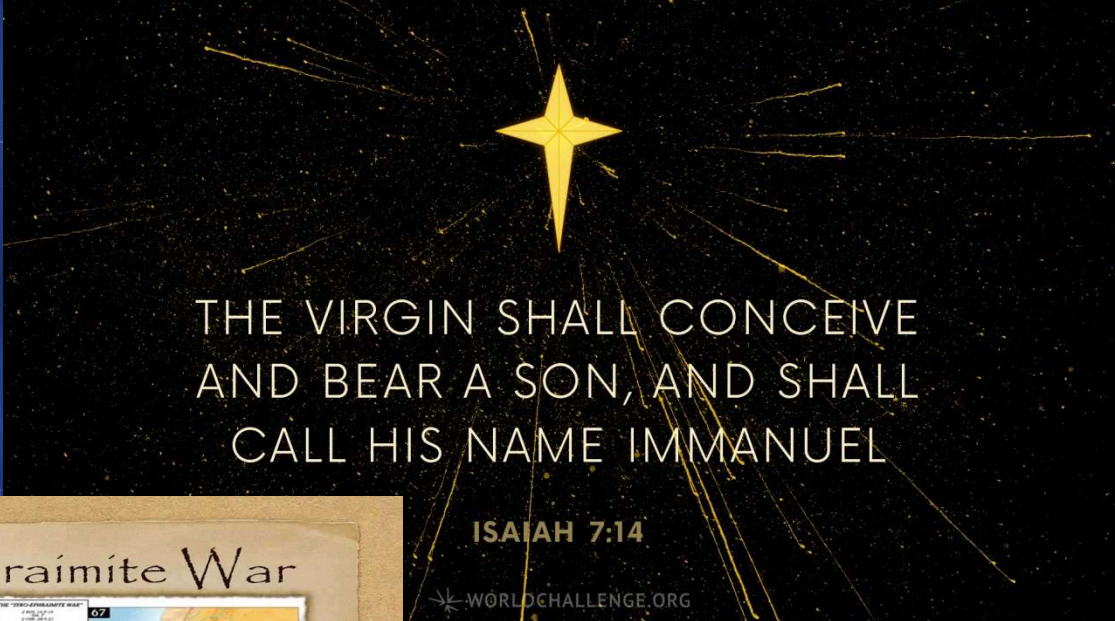


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## The Syro-Ephraimite War

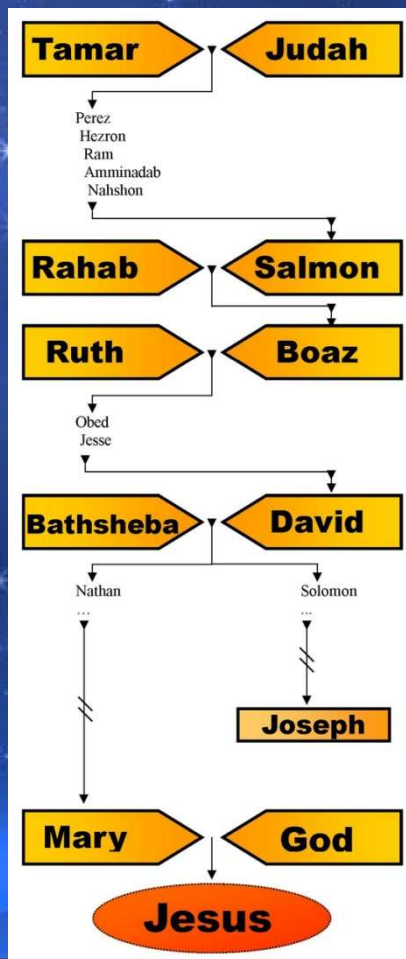
- 735 B.C.
- Syria (Aram) and the northern kingdom of Israel (Samaria) against the southern kingdom of Israel (Judah.)
- Cause: Breaking the power of Assyria.



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# Heroic Women of France


toiling to produce food



"Does it lie within the heart of the American woman to hold to every conventional idea of life and thus add to the burden of the women of France?"

"If we produce all we can, if we eat no more than our health demands, and if we waste nothing we will greatly lighten the load these noble women are carrying."

—Herbert Hoover



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# OUR JOB



## TO CLOTHE THE MEN WHO WORK AND FIGHT

# Sow the seeds of Victory!

plant & raise your own vegetables



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## "Every Garden a Munition Plant"

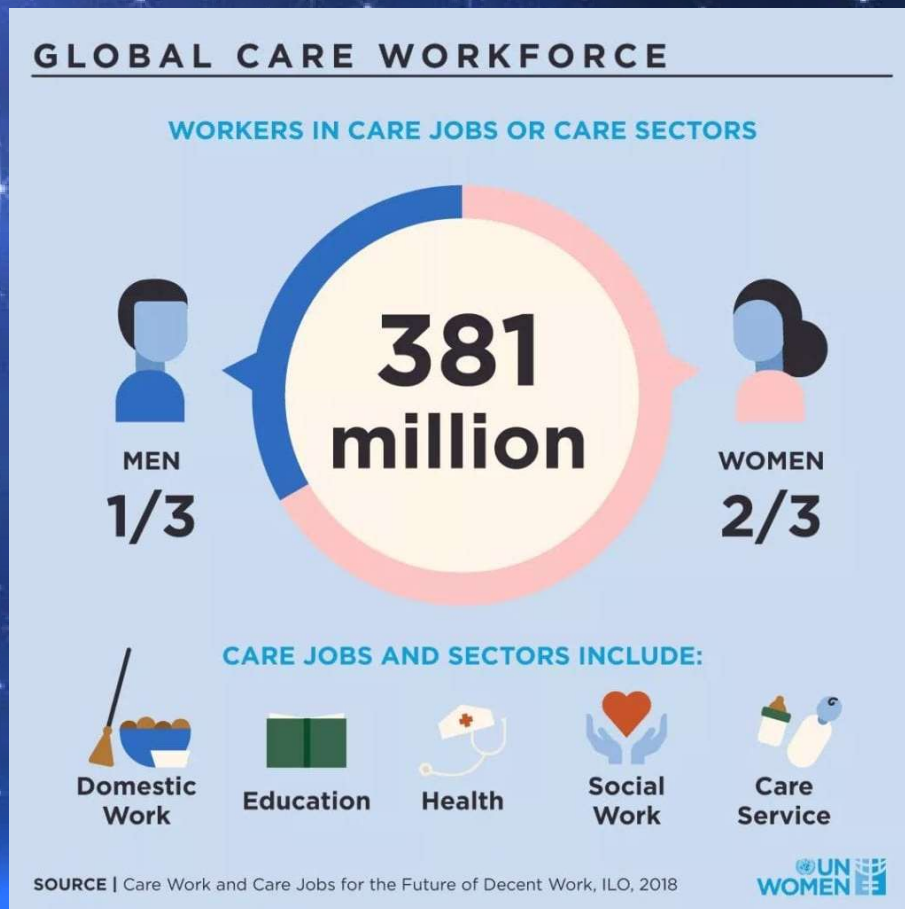
Charles Lathrop Pack, President

# Role of women in WW1

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## 2. The baby will be called the Son of the Most High.

THE ANGEL ANSWERED, "THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL COME ON YOU [MARY], AND THE POWER OF THE MOST HIGH WILL OVERSHADOW YOU. SO THE HOLY ONE TO BE BORN WILL BE CALLED THE SON OF GOD."

- LUKE 1:35 NIV -

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### Praise your child when they are behaving well

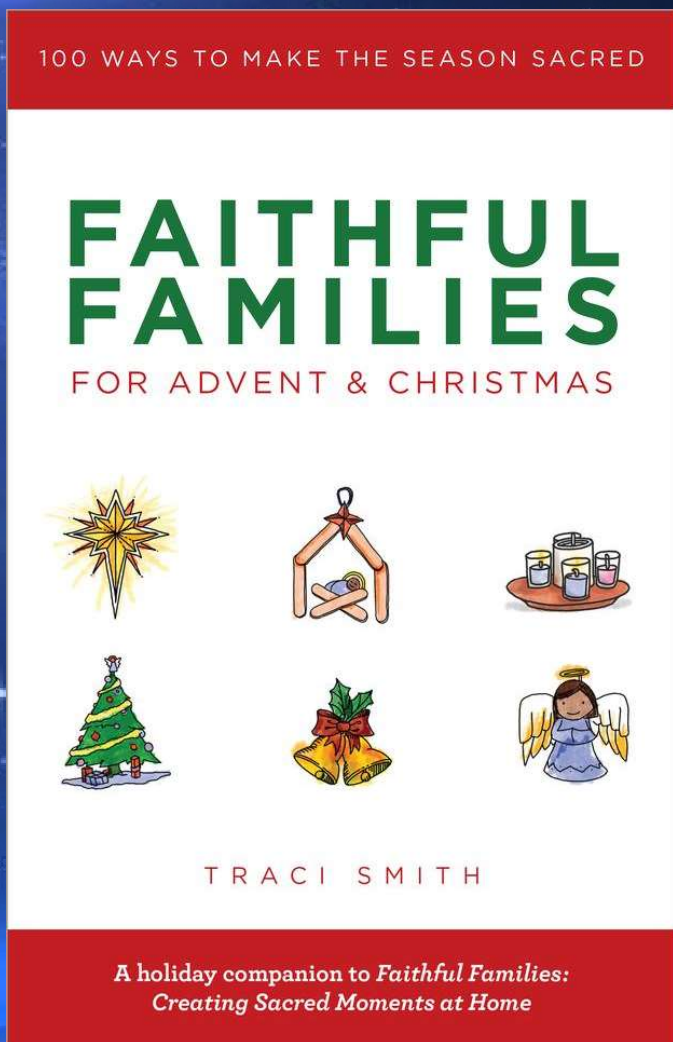
Try praising your child or teenager for something they have done well. They may not show it, but you'll see them doing that good thing again. It will also reassure them that you notice and care.



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## 2. The baby will be called the Son of the Most High.



And the child **GREW**,  
and **WAXED** strong in  
spirit, **FILLED** with  
**WISDOM**: and the  
**GRACE** of God was  
upon **HIM**.  
Luke 2:40

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### 3. “Nothing is impossible with God.”



I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead. On the third day he  
rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the  
dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life

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3. "Nothing is impossible with God."

For with GOD  
**nothing**  
will be impossible.

-Luke 1:37

**BUT WITHOUT FAITH  
IT IS IMPOSSIBLE  
TO PLEASE HIM,  
FOR HE WHO COMES TO GOD  
MUST BELIEVE THAT HE IS,  
AND THAT HE IS A  
REWARDER OF THOSE  
WHO DILIGENTLY  
SEEK HIM.**

HEBREWS 11:6

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### 3. "Nothing is impossible with God."

come  
follow me

Matthew 19:16-22

*If you want to be perfect,  
go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and  
you will have treasure in heaven.*

***Then come and follow me.***

*When the young man heard this,  
he went away sad  
because he had great wealth.*

*(Matthew 19:21 & 22)*

Jesus looked at them and said,  
"With man this is impossible,  
but with God all things are possible."

• **Matthew 19:26**

It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle  
than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.

**Matthew 19:24**

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Let us learn from the Virgin  
Mary how to be bolder in  
obeying the word of God.

Pope Francis

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## Mom Is Making Christmas

By Vicky A. Luong

Cookies baking in the kitchen-  
The smell floats through the air;  
Mom is making Christmas  
with her usual merry flair

The house she gaily decorated,  
Each gift she stiched with love,  
And we'll gather around the Christmas tree  
for an evening of old-fashioned fun

This evening she'll sing a carol for us  
With her angel's voice.  
Yes, Mom is making Christmas-  
A true reason to rejoice.

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