

Kailua Christian Church
Sunday Message
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**Jesus' Gifts of Christmas
Message series**

**Peace
Courage to Change**

“Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When His mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss (divorce) her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the Child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a Son, and you are to name Him Jesus, for he will save His people from their sins.” ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

*²³“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son,
and they shall name Him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.”*

²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a Son; and he named Him Jesus.: Matthew 1:18-25

God's peace gives me courage to change when I...

I. Am willing to reconsider my own plans.

“But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the Child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.” Matt. 1:20

- **What stressful and ill at ease situation am I faced with that God could be asking me to reconsider my own plan?**

II.

Take to heart my part in God's vision to heal our world

“She will bear a Son, and you are to name Him Jesus, for he will save His people from their sins.” Matt.1:21

- **Am I willing to let God work with me to bring His healing hope and care to others?**

III. **Actually do as God ask me to do.**

”²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a Son; and he named Him Jesus.: Matthew 1:24-25

- **What is a change in my life do I sense God is asking me to take to serve His purpose for others? Ex. Forgive someone, encourage another, be open and honest, call, invite to coffee, be a friend.**