

The Necessary Response

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One necessary response that made Christmas a reality....

We see it in Mary: Luke 1:26-38

1. Doesn't demand a _____

We see it in Joseph: Matthew 1:18-25

2. About _____ God not men
1 Thess. 2:3-4, Galatians 1:10

3. Can be _____

4. Can be _____ Matt. 2:13-15, 19-23

5. Is about _____ Jesus

We see it in Jesus:

6. Can be _____ Philippians 2:5-8

7. Can involve _____ Phil. 2:8, Heb 5:8

8. Ultimately about God having _____
John 6:38, 12:49, 14:31

The only way we will do it given all the above challenges comes from having the correct foundation.

The foundation must be a _____ with God
John 14:15, 14:21-23, 1 John 2:3-6

9. The strength and desire to do it comes from God

Isaiah 50:5-7

The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears, and I have not been rebellious; I have not drawn back. I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame.

What Paul prayed for... 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

10. Flows from the _____ not head

We celebrate Christmas because Mary, Joseph and Jesus were willing to obey!

A couple of promises from our God...

Jeremiah 7:23

but I gave them this command: Obey me, and I will be your God and you will be my people. Walk in all the ways I command you, that it may go well with you.

John 14:23

Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

Rejoice in those who have gone before us.

Where is your heart at with regard to this whole issue?

Has your walk with God become too much about simply do or don'ts?

This is what both we and our children need to understand because simply knowing is not enough.