

# Overcomers: Overcoming Fear

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Matthew 1:18-25

18 This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. 19 Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. 20 But after he had considered 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 home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"—which means, "God with us." (Isa 7:14) 24 When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. 25 But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

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## 1. REALIZING THAT FEAR IS NOT FROM GOD

Matthew 1:20

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Proverbs 12:25

An anxious heart weighs a man down...

Philippians 4:6-7

6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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## 2. REPLACING FEAR WITH FAITH

Matthew 1:24

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

1 John 4:18

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear...

Proverbs 3:5

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

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## 3. FOCUSING ON ETERNAL THINGS

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Psalms 27:1

The Lord is my light and my salvation — whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life — of whom shall I be afraid?

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.