

God With Us!

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When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.”¹⁴ So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt,¹⁵ where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”¹⁶ When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.¹⁷ Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:¹⁸ “A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more.”¹⁹ After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt²⁰ and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are dead.”²¹ So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel.²² But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee,²³ and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.

– Matthew 2:13-23 (NIV)

“The Fearful”

**Respect the role of fear in your life,
but don’t let it rule you!**

“for God did not give us a spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind”
– 2 Timothy 1:7 (YLT)

**Believe that God is working in front of you,
around you, and within you!**

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged,
for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.

– Joshua 1:9 (NIV)

**Be sure to LISTEN to God as you lean into Him...
Along with His presence, He may give you a plan!**

And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, **they returned to their country by another route.**

– Matthew 1:22 (NLT)

**Sometimes the enemy is trying to use fear to PARALYZE us
while God is trying to use it to PROPEL us!**

**Remember: Even when your worst fears come true,
God will see you through!**

“...weeping may stay for the night, **but rejoicing comes in the morning.**”
– Psalm 30:5 (NIV)

“Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, **for you are with me**”
– Psalm 23:5 (NIV)