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MESSAGE NOTES - DECEMBER 7th, 2025

Brought to the Light (PEACE)

Matthew 1:18-25 18 (NIV)

This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. 19 Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet 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 conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). 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 did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

Mother Teresa - "If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."

Ronald Reagan - "Peace is not absence of conflict, it is the ability to handle conflict by peaceful means."

Jewish people were working through some conflict.

Joseph was working through some conflict.

The voice of the Lord brings peace.

True peace is connected to the presence and voice of God, not just outcomes.
Peace is built on God's faithful promises.

Luke 1:35 "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you."

Strong's Definition G1982: to cast a shade upon; figuratively, to invest with preternatural influence "the Holy Spirit exerting creative energy upon the womb of the virgin Mary and impregnating it, (a use of the word which seems to have been drawn from the familiar O. T. idea of a cloud as symbolizing the immediate presence and power of God)" **Thayer's Greek Lexicon**

Mark 9:7 “Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud:
“This is my Son, whom I love.

Peace is built on God’s faithful promises fulfilled and to come.

Peace being rooted in God’s presence and promise fuels his obedience. 24-25

When our peace is rooted in God’s Word and presence we cling to his promises as we walk forward even without having all the answers.