

# THE ROAD OF FAITH

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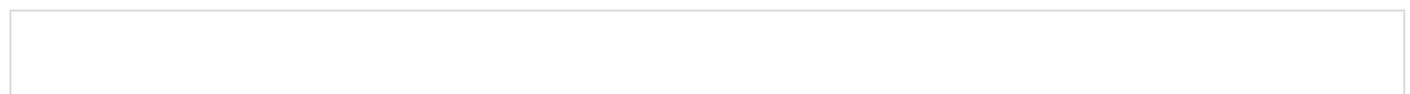
The Dusty Road

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[Luke 1:6-37](#)— In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, 27 to a virgin engaged to a man named Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 And the angel came to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you." 29 But she was deeply troubled by this statement, wondering what kind of greeting this could be. 30 Then the angel told her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 Now listen: You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name Him Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. 33 He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end." 34 Mary asked the angel, "How can this be, since I have not had sexual relations with a man?" 35 The angel replied to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. 36 And consider your relative Elizabeth—even she has conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called childless. 37 For nothing will be impossible with God."

[Matthew 1:18-23](#)— The birth of Jesus Christ came about this way: After His mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, it was discovered before they came together that she was pregnant from the Holy Spirit. 19 So her husband, Joseph, being a righteous man, and not wanting to disgrace her publicly, decided to divorce her secretly. 20 But after he had considered these things, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because what has been conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to name Him Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins." 22 Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 23 See, the virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they will name Him Immanuel, which is translated "God is with us."

[Luke 2:1-5](#)— In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole empire should be registered. 2 This first registration took place while Quirinius was governing Syria. 3 So everyone went to be registered, each to his own town. 4 Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family line of David, 5 to be registered along with Mary, who was engaged to him and was pregnant.



### FACTS FOR THE ROAD:

1. Faith CHALLENGED doesn't mean faith FAILED.
2. Sometimes the road to your DESTINY is filled with DIFFICULTY.

[Isaiah 9:6](#)— For a child will be born for us, a son will be given to us, and the government will be on His shoulders. He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

3. Jesus is your WONDERFUL COUNSELOR.

**Wonderful** (pele) = to WONDER, to MARVEL

**Counselor** (yo-etz) = to give GUIDANCE – wise counsel.

**As your “Wonderful Counselor,” Jesus will... .**

give you the INSTRUCTIONS you need for the road. (Luke 1: 30-31, [35](#); [Matthew 1:20](#))

give you the ENCOURAGEMENT you need for the road. (Luke 1: 28, [32-33](#), [37](#); Matthew 1: 21)

give you the CONNECTIONS you need for the road. ([Luke 1:27](#), [36](#))

**BIG TAKE-AWAY:**

Everyone is PREGNANT with POSSIBILITIES , but to experience them you must hold to FAITH when the road is difficult.

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**Are you ready to accept Jesus today?**

**Just pray a prayer like this:**

*Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior. In Your Name. Amen*

**Did you pray to receive Christ today?** If yes, then let us know. Text “**NEXT**” to **573-340-4037**

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