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# EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

PART ONE

*Living faithfully amid hopelessness*

1. Live in Faithful Obedience
2. Live in Faithful Trust
3. Live in Faithful Proclamation

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WHITE JASMINE

GREY DOLPHIN

BAMBOO TRAP


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LUKE 1:26-38

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A surreal landscape of rolling sand dunes under a clear sky. In the foreground, a single, lush green tree stands on a small patch of land that includes a small pond of water. The dunes are smooth and undulating, creating a sense of vastness and isolation. The overall tone is warm and golden, suggesting a sunrise or sunset.

# Matthew 1:18-25

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# Receive with Openness



## Luke 1:34-38

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<sup>35</sup> The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

<sup>36</sup> Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. <sup>37</sup> For no word from God will ever fail."

<sup>38</sup> "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

Luke 1:34-38

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unexpected with openness  
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## Matthew 1:20-24

<sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> 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." <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

<sup>23</sup> "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

<sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

Matthew 1:20-24

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*Mary saw beyond her limitations and saw God  
through whom all things are possible*



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Isaiah 55:8-9

*We can surrender because  
our trust and confidence is  
in God who knows best*



*We see  
God's providence  
manifested in our lives*

**Luke 1:42-45** the affirmation of God  
**Matthew 2:11** the blessing of God  
**Matthew 2:13-14** the protection of God

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