



18 This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit.  
 19 Joseph, her fiancé, was a good man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly.  
 20 As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit.  
 21 And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus ("which means -The Lord saves"), for he will save his people from their sins."  
 22 All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet:  
 23 "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'" Matthew 1:18-23 (NLT)

Even though God is with you:

■ There will be seasons that \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_.

1 GOD, don't shut me out; don't give me the silent treatment, O God.  
 Psalm 83:1 (MSG)

1 I pray to you, O LORD, my rock. Do not turn a deaf ear to me. For if you are silent, I might as well give up and die. Psalm 28:1 (NLT)

■ Because God is \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't mean He is \_\_\_\_\_.

35 ...Let the Almighty answer me. Let my accuser write out the charges against me.  
 Job 31:35 (NLT)

■ We can't say God is silent when we're not \_\_\_\_\_.

**We can't say God is silent:**

■ When our \_\_\_\_\_ are closed.

■ When we're not doing what God's \_\_\_\_\_.

■ When we're doing \_\_\_\_\_.

■ When we're \_\_\_\_\_ at God.

- 1 Then the LORD said to Job,
- 2 "Do you still want to argue with the Almighty? You are God's critic, but do you have the answers?"
- 3 Then Job replied to the LORD,
- 4 "I am nothing—how could I ever find the answers? I will cover my mouth with my hand.
- 5 I have said too much already. I have nothing more to say." Job 40:1-5 (NLT)

■ A part of the difficulty in the silence is \_\_\_\_\_ on God.

**3 things to remember when you're waiting on God:**

■ With God, a \_\_\_\_\_ season is never a \_\_\_\_\_ season.

■ God's \_\_\_\_\_ are not necessarily God's \_\_\_\_\_.

■ We think what we need is an \_\_\_\_\_ from God, but what we really need is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

10 Fear not, for I am with you. Do not be dismayed. I am your God. I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will uphold you with my victorious right hand. Isaiah 41:10(LB)

■ God may \_\_\_\_\_, but He's never \_\_\_\_\_.

■ The moment you call out to Jesus everything changes, maybe not \_\_\_\_\_ you, but \_\_\_\_\_ you.

31 But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.  
 Isaiah 40:31 (TLB)

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Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

*These questions also work well for personal time with God.*

- What spoke most to you from Sunday's Talk? Explain why.
- How do seasons that test your faith affect you emotionally?
- How would you explain to some this truth: Because God is silent doesn't mean He's absent.
- What are some avenues that God uses to speak to us?
- How is reading the Bible and Praying important to hearing God?
- Why is waiting on God difficult for us? Have you ever gone through a season where you waited on God for something? Explain what happened.
- What does the statement, "With God, a waiting season is never a wasted season" mean to you?
- Do you agree with the statement: "We think what we need is an answer from God, but what we really need is the presence of God". Explain why.
- How are you planning to experience God with You this Christmas?
- When we call out to God, how does God bring change within us? What does that change look like?

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