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Christmas is really a deeply  
theological story about the  
Incarnation of Christ—  
God coming to earth— God  
becoming man - the Word  
becoming flesh.



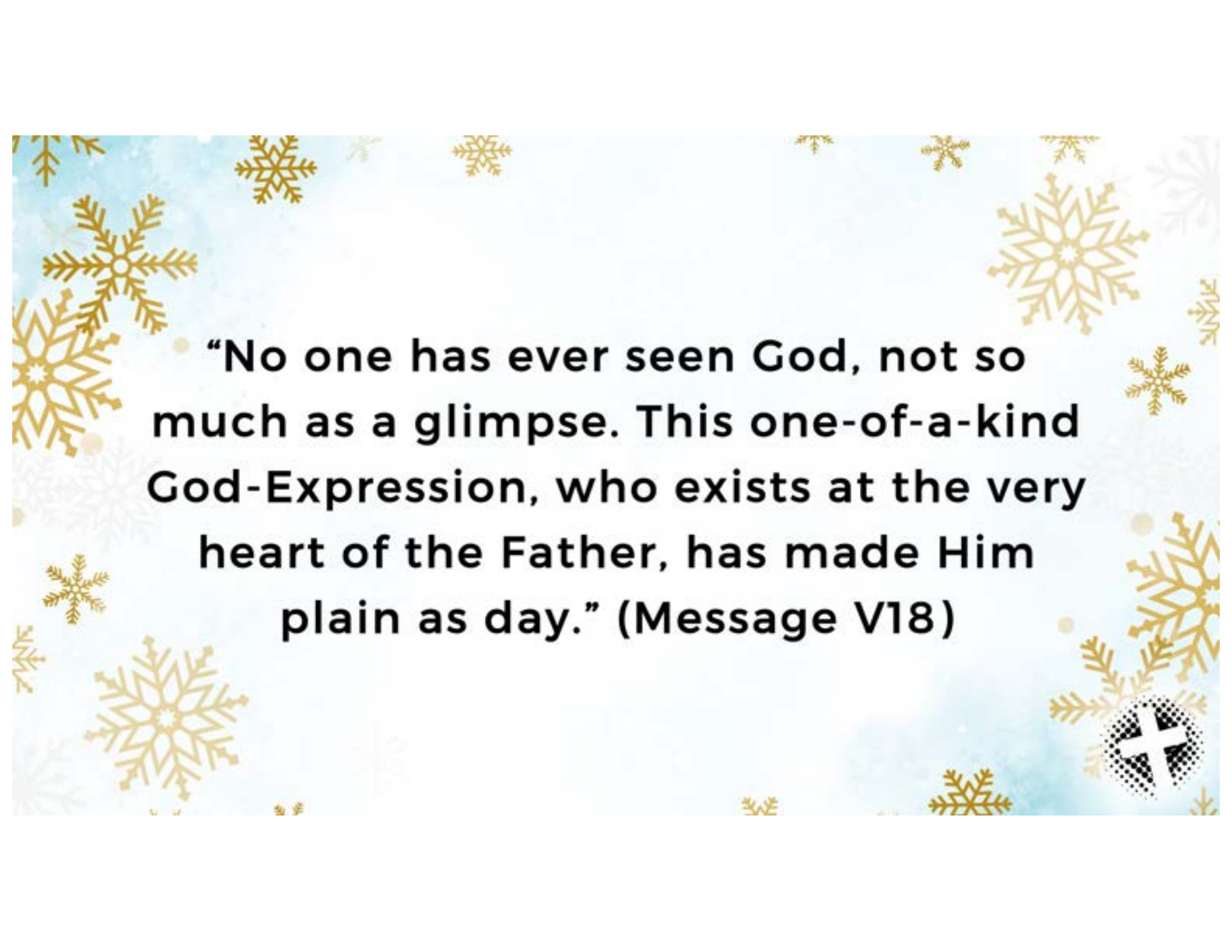
“The Word became flesh and  
took up residence/dwelt in  
and among us.”Vv14a





**“We have seen His glory, the  
glory of the one and only Son,  
who came from the Father,  
full of grace and truth.” Vv14b**






**“No one has ever seen God, not so much as a glimpse. This one-of-a-kind God-Expression, who exists at the very heart of the Father, has made Him plain as day.” (Message V18)**



**This all started at  
that first Christmas...  
It's a Big Deal!**





**We look to the Christmas season  
to be a time of perfect Peace,  
harmony, and joy.**

**...But the first Christmas was not  
that way. It was an interruption.**



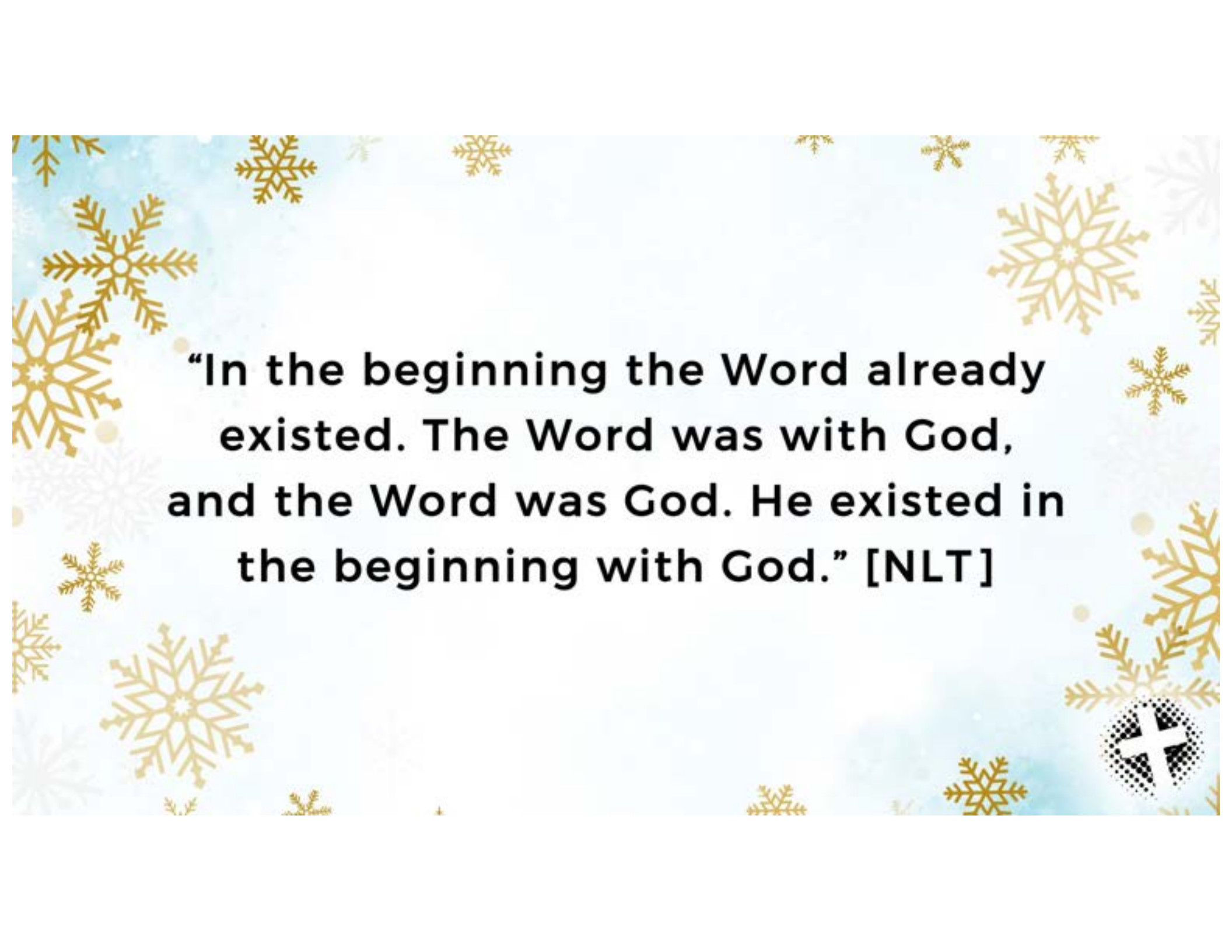
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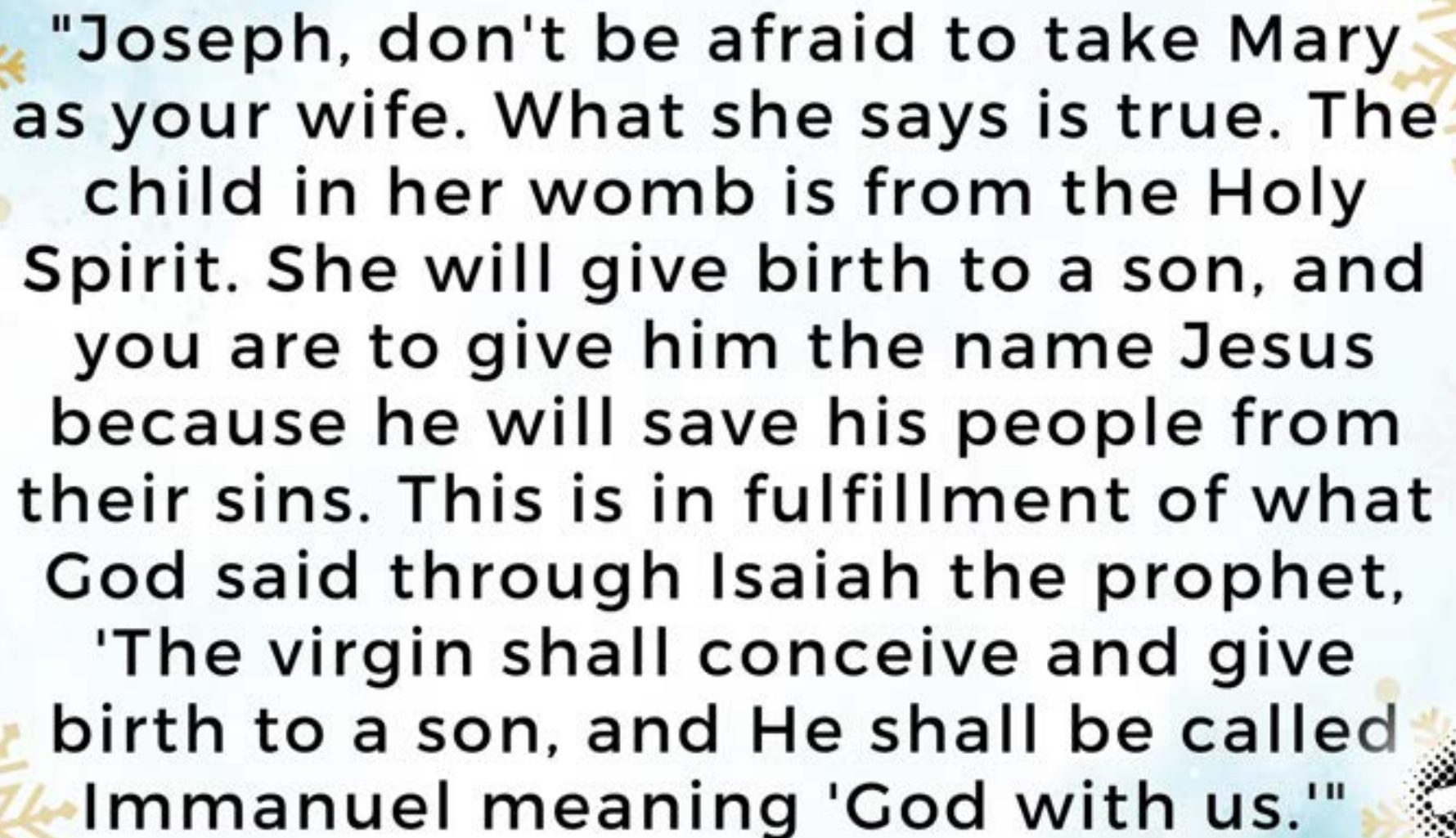
This was Joseph's human response to a powerful interruption.



**The key to handling  
an interruption is to  
get God's take on it.**



**“In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He existed in the beginning with God.” [NLT]**



"Joseph, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife. What she says is true. The child in her womb is from the Holy Spirit. 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. This is in fulfillment of what God said through Isaiah the prophet, 'The virgin shall conceive and give birth to a son, and He shall be called Immanuel meaning 'God with us.'"



• **Remember Proverbs 3:5-6:**

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; think about Him in all your ways, and He will guide you on the right paths" (HCSB).



**Here are three words to  
remember when you  
encounter an interruption:**





## #1] Prayer...

...The first thing to do when your life is interrupted is stop and pray.

- Pray for guidance.
- Pray for courage.
- Pray for help.
- When you look to God He will help you. [Psalm 145:19]



## #2] Perspective...

...Put the interruption in the proper perspective.

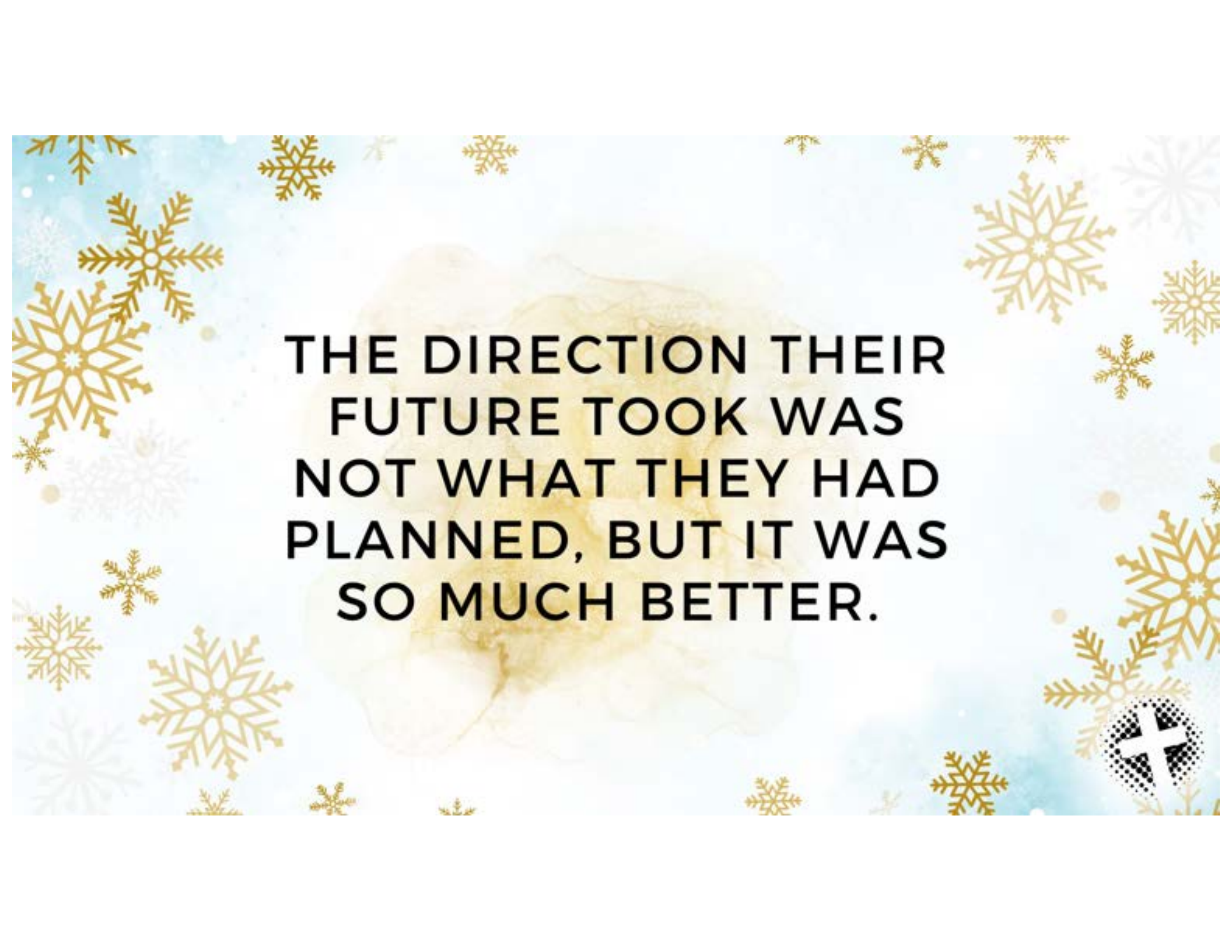
- How bad is it really?
- How long will it actually be important?
- What difference will it make in eternity?
- Could it move me to know God Better?



**Providence:** “A manifestation of God's foresightful care for his creatures”



*“Supernatural  
interruptions”*



**THE DIRECTION THEIR  
FUTURE TOOK WAS  
NOT WHAT THEY HAD  
PLANNED, BUT IT WAS  
SO MUCH BETTER.**



• Whatever interruption you may be enduring right now, why not look at it in a different light, and ask, "God, are you using this to do something great in my life?"