

Finding Peace in Disappointment

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Questions: What has been the most disappointing gift you have ever received? What is the biggest disappointment you have experienced in 2021? When have you been disappointed with God?

Read Luke 2:10-14

If we had needed advice, God would have sent a counselor.
If we need a different laws, God might have sent a politician.
If we needed education, God would have sent a teacher.
But we needed forgiveness, and we needed hope,
and we needed healing. So God sent a Savior.
Craig Groeschel

Questions: What of Joseph and Mary's story is easy to imagine in today's world? What is difficult?

Question: When has God given you an assignment that could be described with one of these words - complicated, untimely, inconvenient, unfair?

Read Matthew 1:18-19

Questions: Whose disappointment can you most relate with, Joseph's or Mary's? Why?

**You don't have to understand the plan
to trust that God has a purpose.**

Read Proverbs 19:21

Question: Looking back over your life, when has the result of a disappointment been part of God's purpose for your life?

Read Matthew 1:20-21; Romans 5:1

Questions: How has Jesus been "peace on earth" in your life? What is the greatest example of this from your experience? What is one step you can take to share that peace with someone else this week?

