

Divine Direction: How To Know When God Is Speaking To You
Five Ways God Speaks told through the story of Mary and Joseph

Our Mission: To take as many people to Heaven as we can before we die. Period.

1. God leads you through your own desires.

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph... **Matthew 1:18a NIV**

2. God leads you through your circumstances.

...but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. **Matthew 1:18b-19 NIV**

3. God speaks to you through the Holy Spirit.

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. 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." **Matthew 1:20-21 NIV**

The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God. What's more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she has conceived a son and is now in her sixth month. For nothing is impossible with God." Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true." And then the angel left her." **Luke 1:35-38 NLT**

4. God confirms His direction to you through His Word.

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" —which means, "God with us." **Matthew 1:22-23 NIV**

"My ambition has always been to preach the Good News where the name of Christ has never been heard, rather than where a church has already been started by someone else." **Romans 15:20 NLT**

5. God uses other godly people in your life to confirm or deny His will.

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus. **Matthew 1:24 NIV**

A few days later Mary hurried to the hill country of Judea...She entered the house and greeted Elizabeth. At the sound of Mary's greeting, Elizabeth's child leaped within her, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Elizabeth gave a glad cry and exclaimed to Mary, "God has blessed you above all women, and your child is blessed. Why am I so honored, that the mother of my Lord should visit me? When I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy. You are blessed because you believed that the Lord would do what he said." **Luke 1:39-45 NLT**

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