



## Life Difference Maker

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**Scripture Text:** Hebrews 4:15-16

### Sermon Points:

- The **manger** family is the model for the **modern** family.
- Jesus' birth, through an unplanned pregnancy, removes the stigma of choosing life.
- Mary and Joseph modeled the exalted identities of marriage and family.
- God sent his messengers (angels) to give them confidence in an uncertain future.

### Discussion Questions:

1. What was your favorite thing about your mom? How has your mom's influence shaped your life?
2. As you ponder the unplanned pregnancy of Mary and Joseph, what do you learn about how people may initially respond to the news that they are pregnant when not expecting to be? See Mary's response in Luke 1:26-34 and Joseph's response in Matthew 1:18-19.
3. Jesus had a cloud of "illegitimacy" hanging over his life because of the supernatural circumstances of his birth. How can we do a better job of showing compassion on each pregnancy regardless of the circumstances of how it came to be?
4. God sent his angels to assure Mary and Joseph that he would be with them through the uncertainty of giving birth to Jesus and raising him. What might it look like for you to be an angel (difference maker) in the life of someone with an unplanned pregnancy? How can we as a church help to promote life?