

FEAR NOT series
“Fearing What People Think”

2 Timothy 1:7 ⁷ For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.

We live in a battle between what is EASY and what is RIGHT

Matthew 1:18-19 ¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to **send her away secretly.**

- **Pleasing God can sometimes DISAPPOINT others.**

Matthew 1:20-21 ²⁰ But when he had **considered this**, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, **do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife**; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for **He will save His people from their sins.**”

- **Obsessing on what people think is the quickest way to forget what God thinks.**
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LIVING FOR GOD INSTEAD OF PEOPLE

- 1) **If you're unable to be CRITICIZED for being obedient to God, you're not ready to be used by God.**
- 2) **Extraordinary act of God often start with ORDINARY acts of OBEDIENCE.**

Matthew 1:24 ²⁴ And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took *Mary* as his wife,