

JOSEPH
AND THE
CHRISTMAS STORY

Dealing with Circumstances Beyond Our Control

Matthew 1:18-25

Characterized by

UNSELFISH INTEGRITY

Matthew 1:18-19

UNSELFISH INTEGRITY

1. He determined to do what is right.
2. He determined to protect Mary.
3. He did this with “gracious gentleness.”



Characterized by

UNSHAKABLE FAITH

Matthew 1:20-23

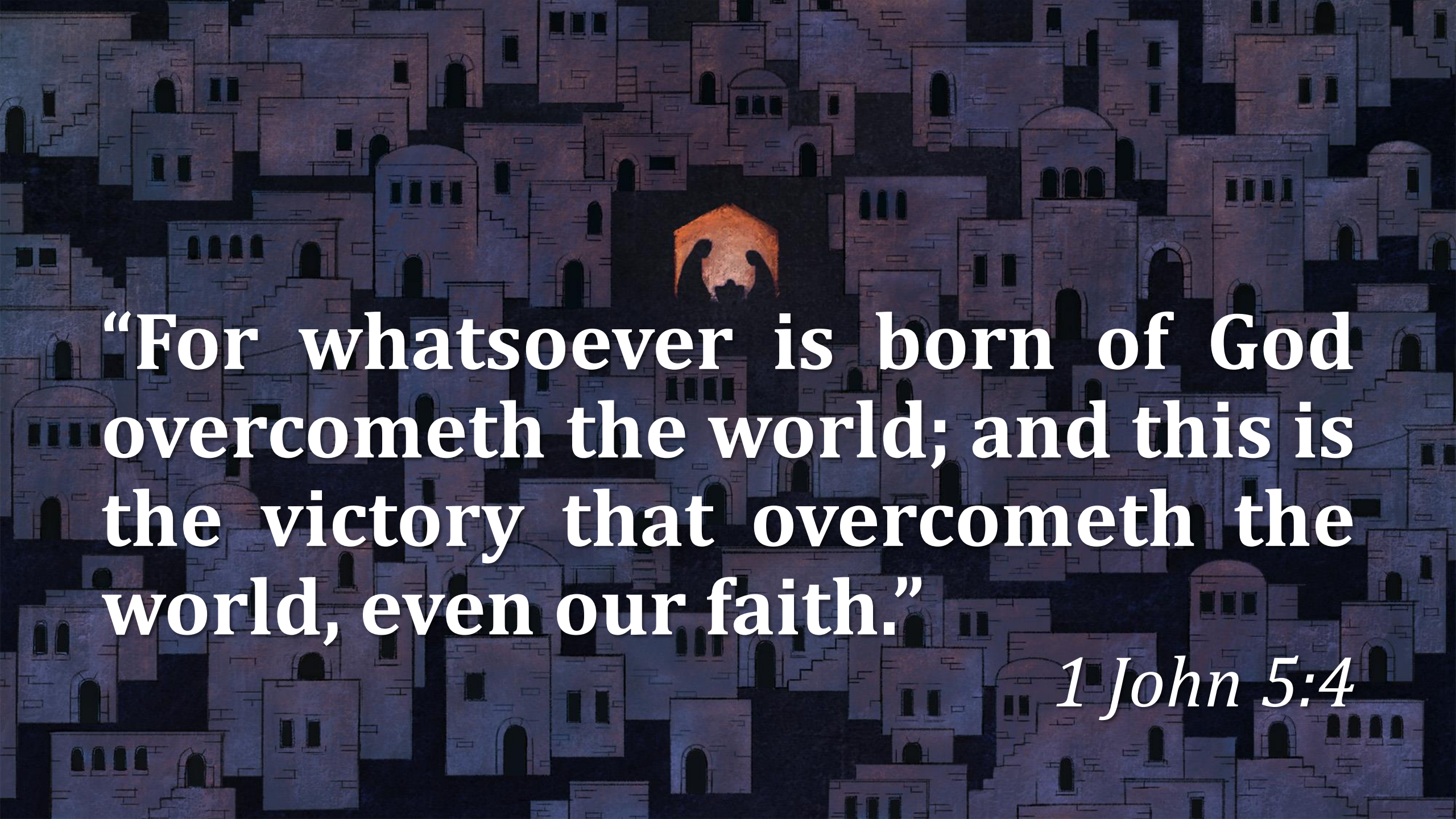


UNSHAKABLE FAITH

Joseph's unshakable faith is demonstrated in two commitments:

- 1. I will believe God's Word.**
- 2. I will trust God's plan.**





**“For whatsoever is born of God
overcometh the world; and this is
the victory that overcometh the
world, even our faith.”**

1 John 5:4

Characterized by
UNSWERVING OBEDIENCE

Matthew 1:24-25





**“Jesus increased in wisdom
and stature, and in favor
with God and man.”**

Luke 2:52

UNSELFISH INTEGRITY

I believe God's Word.

UNSHAKABLE FAITH

I trust God's plan.

UNSWERVING OBEDIENCE

I'll obey God's will.



How do you deal with circumstances beyond your control?

Here's what Joseph did...

- 1. He believed God.**
- 2. He trusted God.**
- 3. He determined to do what was right.**
- 4. He obeyed God no matter what it cost.**

