

## The Struggles of those involved in Bringing us Jesus

Our lives are full of struggles. It is easy when we think about the beauty of the nativity to forget that those people had struggles too. Yet, we all know of how we respond when God is doing a new thing among us.

Scripture(s): Focus - Luke 2:1-12; Matthew 1-2, Luke 1-2

I. The first struggle that God bringing Jesus into the world caused for humans like us is a crisis of \_\_\_\_\_. God's actions do not always look like ours and it \_\_\_\_\_ us.

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II. The second struggle that God bringing Jesus into the world caused for humans like us is a crisis of \_\_\_\_\_. Joseph teaches us that there will be times in which we need to wait for more \_\_\_\_\_ from God.

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III. The third struggle that God bringing Jesus into the world caused for humans like us is a crisis of \_\_\_\_\_. God's actions deserve deep \_\_\_\_\_ on our part.

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IV. The fourth struggle that God bringing Jesus into the world caused for humans like us is a crisis of \_\_\_\_\_. God's actions will demand for us to do more than straddle the \_\_\_\_\_.

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Remember this - God's work in the world will stretch our \_\_\_\_\_.

Our challenge: \_\_\_\_\_ let God stretch you in matters of faith.

1. Run to God when those things happen that \_\_\_\_\_ or you do not understand.
  2. Ask for help from truly \_\_\_\_\_ people when looking for meaning in the events in your life.
  3. Commit to God's way having considered the \_\_\_\_\_ and having become willing to pay it.
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