



I BELIEVE ...
who was
conceived by
the Holy
Spirit

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; **WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT**, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hades; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The **PLAN** – man, woman, child

- **expected, normal, fulfilling**

The **PLEDGE** – This was a normal relationship filled with its own unique dreams.

The **PROBLEM** = pregnancy ...
disturbing, puzzling reality

The **PREDICAMENT** = *receiving*
depends on believing

God speaks/acts in ways which **stretch** or **defy** normal human expectations.

God often speaks to us through
other people.

God often asks me to **assist** with the dreams and dilemmas of **other people** ... which means putting my own agenda on the shelf or even giving it up entirely.

Joseph said “NO”.

This predicament will follow you
all your days!

The **PARADOX** = God's child was
“their baby”.

REMINDER: God asks us to work
with him.

His project ... our participation!

The **PREDICTION** = He will save
people!

Joshua #1 (1400 B.C.) – stood
between the law and the land

Joshua #2 (500 B.C.) – filthy
clothes > rich garments = removal
of sin

Joshua-Jesus – Sin = gone!

Heaven = gained!



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