

## Beyond Explanation

Perhaps the most *overlooked virtue*  
in the Christmas story is \_\_\_\_\_.

That same virtue is still needed in our present  
\_\_\_\_\_ and in our Christmas Season.

We must have **courage to** \_\_\_\_\_ **beyond . . .**

a *variety* of threats.

the *lack* of normalcy.

the *drain* of circumstances.

our \_\_\_\_\_ to explain.

*How do you explain a word from God?* Luke 1:26-38

You **live** in its \_\_\_\_\_.

*His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."  
John 2:5*

*How do you explain an act of God?* Luke 1:46-50

You **hold** to God's \_\_\_\_\_.

*I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in  
the land of the living. Psalm 27:13*

### Joseph's story:

*But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."*

*All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").  
Matthew 1:20-23*

*How do you explain choosing the toughest path?*

Matthew 1:20-23

You **live** in God's \_\_\_\_\_.

*... The LORD is faithful to all His promises and loving toward all He has made. Psalm 145:13*

*How do you explain disagreeing with the world?*

Luke 1:51-56

You **know** that God \_\_\_\_\_.

*We will either disagree with the world or \_\_\_\_\_.*

*You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. James 4:4  
[John 15:18-19]*

*The explanation for our life is \_\_\_\_\_  
(demonstrating) our \_\_\_\_\_ in God.*

*... always be zealous for the fear of the LORD. There is surely a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off.  
Proverbs 23:17-18*

**Optional Reading:** Key Word is "Faith." (15 chapters)

**Ephesians** 1-4 & 6 **Hebrews** 4, 6, 10, 11, 13

**James** 1-2 & 5 **1 Peter** 1 & 5