

Devotion for December 14, 2017 - Jane Meek

Matthew 1:22-25

Mary, a Virgin, must have been so confused and frightened when she learned that she was pregnant. She must have felt in her heart that God was with her because she and Joseph named the baby Jesus, Immanuel, which means "God is with us."

I can remember being pregnant with my daughter, Gail, and thinking that Mary and I had our babies at the same time of the year. I went to the hospital on December 25<sup>th</sup> and Gail was born on December 26<sup>th</sup>, I can remember praying the entire time that I was pregnant that my baby would be healthy and strong. I too believed that God was with me. So many times, things happen in our lives that we do not understand and sometimes we question God and ask, "why did you let this happen to me?"

I have learned to have faith in God and to let him have control of my life. He has never failed me! When I let God have control- he always makes everything come out the way that is best for me..... Every Single Time !! Thank you, God, for always making the right choices for my life. I know I can always depend on you.

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for loving me and guiding me, just as you did Mary and Joseph so many years ago. Thank you for my belief in you and the assurance that God is always with me. Amen