IN A MOMENT

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Matthew 1:18-19 (NIV) - This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

The Christmas story is filled with many examples of the theme, "In A Moment."

In a moment how quickly everyone's life would change,
because of the birth of Jesus.

Who could forget this, in a moment how quickly your life will change text?

1 Corinthians 15:52 (NIV) - ...in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

God asked Joseph in a moment to be the recipient of
an assignment that would *grow on him.*

Matthew 1:22-25 (NIV) - All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

God asked Mary in a moment to be the recipient of
a miracle that would *grow in her.*

Luke 1:34-35 (NIV) - "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God."

In Matthew's genealogies we see a list of strange births that pointed to
Jesus the Messiah.

If the virgin birth and resurrection had not happened,
Christianity would never have existed.

In a moment, how quickly your world can change?
It did for Mary and Joseph. It did for the Magi and Shepherds.
It did for YOU and ME.

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