

The Hallucinuciation

Decades before his son would famously struggle with *his* fate in the garden of Gethsemane, a minor character in the Bible was faced with impossible circumstances imposed upon him by the Wholly Other, his life ruptured and upended in an unwelcome way. He learned his fiancé was pregnant, and in a demonstration of character and empathy out of place with his time, he planned to simply divorce her “quietly”. Then he had a dream.

Put yourself in his place. Living a simple life, devout, free from grand ambition. Engaged to the partner of your dreams.

No Surprises

Then, the bomb drops: she’s pregnant, and it’s obviously not yours. But she seems so at peace with it. She’s not talking like it’s over between the two of you.

Don’t Give Up

You’re not one of those who loves drama. You even avoid gossip. Now you’re at the center of it, and it won’t stop swirling. You have an absolutely crazy dream.

That Voice Again

Was it God or just the voices in your head? She’s so cool about the whole thing, maybe even stronger than before. It’s both awesome and excruciating at the same time. You love her, still. Of course you do, that’s why this sucks so much.

Love Will Tear Us Apart

The dream sticks. You can't shake it. You feel like you're going crazy. Has it been hours? Days? What is this feeling, like life is about to change? Hasn't it changed enough already?

Where Is My Mind?

Like the slowest of tides, it's here. You know what you are supposed to do. You know what His will is. It's all mixed in with the drama, and the heartache, and the gossip, and the spoiled friendships, and the awful, aching uncertainty of it all.

The Killing Moon

You give in. It won't get any easier for having decided. Cousin Rob is still going to be a jerk about it. The awful geopolitical world around you hasn't changed one bit. You still have to go to the office tomorrow. But you know now.

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

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