

# MARY AND JOE'S COUNSELING SESSION

*A short drama by Dave Weiss*

**Cast:**

**Dave** (male youth leader)  
**Dawn** (female youth leader and Dave's wife)  
**Mary** (a teen girl)  
**Joe** (a teen guy and Mary's fiance)

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*In preparing to preach on Mary and Joseph and their obedience to the Lord, the Lord gave me a thought. How would I and the members of my youth leadership team react if Mary and Joseph had come to us? The following scenario is how it may have looked.*

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**Dave:** I wonder why Mary and Joe need to see us so badly.

**Dawn:** Yeah I know they are such great kids, I'm sure it's something wonderful.

**Dave:** Yeah I'll tell you, I wish the whole group were as spiritual as Mary and Joe.

**Dawn:** I bet they want to start a new ministry or maybe help us to plan a mission trip.

**Dave:** Well I'm sure it's something like that, anyway here they come. You talk to Mary and I'll talk to Joe.

(Dawn takes Mary to the Left and Dave takes Joe to the right.)

**Mary:** Dawn I have a problem

**Joe:** Dave I have a problem:

**Dave and Dawn:** (simultaneously) What is it?

**Mary:** I'm pregnant and...

**Joe:** Mary's pregnant.

**Dave and Dawn:** (Simultaneously and shocked) You're/She's what?

**Mary and Joe:** (simultaneously) pregnant

**Dave:** After all we've taught you about abstinence, how, why, weren't you listening.

**Dawn:** Oh Mary no...

**Mary:** Oh that's not the problem.

**Joe:** Dave, it's not what you think.

**Dave:** Look, Joe, I was born at night but it wasn't last night.

**Dawn:** Not the problem, I don't think you have any idea how serious this is.

**Mary:** I know exactly how serious this is, and it's more serious than you think but

it's not my biggest problem.

**Dawn:** Well then what is your biggest problem?

**Dave:** Joe, I can't say I'm not disappointed in you over this, I mean I love you guys. How did I fail you?



**Joe:** You didn't fail me, I'm not the father.

**Mary:** Joe's not the baby's father.

**Dawn:** Oh Mary, well then who is?

**Mary:** That's the problem, no one will believe me, probably not even you.

**Dave:** Oh you poor guy, I'm sorry. I suppose the wedding is off then.

**Joe:** Well I thought so too but...

**Dawn:** Oh Mary, you know you can always talk to me.

**Mary:** It's God...

**Dawn:** What??

**Mary:** God is the Father of this baby.

**Dawn:** Oh Mary Please, I was born at night but it wasn't last night.

**Dave:** Please, don't turn her in, I know she made a mistake, but you know what the penalty is for this.

**Joe:** I'm going to marry her anyway.

**Mary:** See I knew you wouldn't believe me.

**Dawn:** Well you, come in here and tell me that you are carrying God's child, you have to admit that's not exactly easy to believe.

**Dave:** You're a good man, Joe. You have a lot of courage and a godly character. I'm proud of you.

**Joe:** Don't be proud of me. I had a lot of help to come to this decision.

**Mary:** Well please believe me, I'm still a virgin.

**Dawn:** Still a virgin, are you sure you're pregnant?

**Mary:** Yes I'm sure, the angel told me.

**Joe:** An angel of the Lord came and told me it would be all right.

**Dave and Dawn:** (Simultaneously) Angel?

**Joe :** Yes an angel, you know big guy, long hair flaming sword.

**Mary:** Shining as bright as the sun.

**Joe and Mary:** (simultaneously) You do believe in angels don't you.

**Dave and Dawn:** (simultaneously) Well yes, but...

**Joe:** The angel said, don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife. So I will, be happy for me  
**Dave,** I am going to be a dad to the Son of God .

**Mary:** The angel called me blessed among women, I am going to be the mother of the Son of God.

**Dave:** Well this all a lot to take in.

**Dawn:** You know we love you guys. (Hugs Mary)

**Dave:** We're here for you when you need us. (Hugs Joseph)

(Mary and Joe leave)

**Dave:** Wow, what a night? Do you believe them?

**Dawn:** I don't know, I want to. I mean they've never lied to us before.

**Dave:** Well if they are telling us the truth, do you know what that means.

**Dawn:** It means that the Messiah is almost here.

**Dave:** The day we've waited for our whole lives is right around the corner.

**Dawn:** Do you think anybody else will believe them.

**Dave:** Some will, and if they are telling us the truth, one day many will but for now I think things will go pretty tough for them. We better pray.

(Dave and Dawn join hands and leave the scene)

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