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We celebrate the Solemnity of Joseph today. The Gospel reminds us that the Lord will guide us through troubling times and show us His path, just as He did for Joseph.

Joseph had decided to quietly divorce Mary, but the Lord sent an angel to speak to him. This angel let Joseph know Mary's conception was God's plan, and he told Joseph to stay with her. Joseph woke up and immediately did as the angel told him.

What a powerful message this is. We've been reading "What on Earth Am I Here For?" this Lenten season. Janie and I started our journey through the book on the Monday before Lent began. Today's chapter, Day 36, is very fitting -- the title is "Made for a Mission." We all have a mission in this world.

Joseph's personal mission was to be strong and supportive of Mary when many around would most certainly think her an adulterer. Some turned their backs on them, but Joseph trusted that God would provide what they needed. Joseph's understanding was crucial to Jesus' Mission, just as our understanding is a critical piece of God's mission for us.

Each of us was created for a mission by God. What an honor! It may not be easy, it may not make us popular, and it may not bring us wealth. BUT, the Lord will provide if we follow His invitation. Joseph faithfully accepted his mission. Let us pray that each of us can do the same!