

A black and white photograph of a newborn baby's feet, positioned centrally. The feet are resting on a dark, heavily textured, and fuzzy surface, likely a blanket or rug. The skin of the feet is light and shows clear, detailed patterns of ridges and valleys. The overall tone of the image is soft and intimate.

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Isaac, Samuel, John the Baptist

Jesus Christ

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A black and white photograph of a baby's feet, positioned centrally. The feet are small and chubby, with visible toes and the texture of the skin. They are resting on a dark, heavily textured surface that appears to be a knitted blanket or rug. The lighting is soft, highlighting the contours of the feet against the darker background.

Miraculous Births

Samson—Judges 13:1-25

I. Miraculous Births are God's gift to a desperate situation



A pair of feet, likely belonging to a child, stands on a dark, textured surface that resembles sand or gravel. The feet are positioned centrally, with the toes pointing slightly outwards. The skin on the feet is light-colored, contrasting with the dark ground. Overlaid on this image is the text of Judges 13:1 in a white, sans-serif font. The word 'again' is highlighted in yellow.

Judges 13:1

And the people of Israel **again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, so the LORD gave them into the hand of the Philistines for forty years.**

A black and white photograph of a baby's feet, likely Jesus, resting in a manger. The feet are positioned centrally, with the toes pointing towards the top of the frame. The manger is filled with a textured material, possibly straw or hay, which is visible around the feet. The lighting is soft, highlighting the contours of the feet and the texture of the manger.

I. Miraculous Births are God's gift to a desperate situation

- **A desperate nation (vs. 1)**



Judges 13:2

There was a certain man named Zorah, of the tribe of Danites, whose name was Manoah. And his wife was **barren and had no children.**



I. Miraculous Births are God's gift to a desperate situation

- **A desperate nation (vs. 1)**
- **A desperate woman (vs. 2)**

A pair of feet is shown from a top-down perspective, with the soles of the feet facing the viewer. The soles are a light, glowing yellow color, contrasting sharply with the dark, textured background. The background appears to be a rough, stone-like surface. The feet are positioned centrally, with the toes pointing towards the top of the frame.

Judges 13:3

**And the angel of the LORD appeared to
the woman and said to her,**

II. Miraculous Births follow an extraordinary announcement

- **Extraordinary Messenger (3)**





Judges 13:3-4

And the angel of the LORD appeared to the woman and said to her, "Behold, you are barren and have not borne children, but you shall conceive and bear a son."

Judges 13:4-5

Therefore be careful and drink no wine or strong drink, and eat nothing unclean, for behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. No razor shall come upon his head, for the child shall be a Nazrite to God from the womb,

II. Miraculous Births follow an extraordinary announcement

- **Extraordinary Messenger (3)**
- **Extraordinary Message (3-5)**



A black and white photograph of a baby's feet, positioned centrally, resting in a basket filled with dark, textured wool. The feet are small and pale, with visible toes and footprints. The wool is thick and curly, creating a soft, textured background. The lighting is soft, highlighting the contours of the feet and the texture of the wool.

Judges 13:5

**for the child shall be a Nazrite to
God from the womb, and he shall
begin to save Israel from the hand
of the Philistines.**

II. Miraculous Births follow an extraordinary announcement

- **Extraordinary Messenger (3)**
- **Extraordinary Message (3-4)**
- **Extraordinary Mission (5)**

Judges 13:6-7

Then the woman came and told her husband, "A man of God came to me, and his appearance was like the appearance of the angel of God, **very awesome**. I did not ask him where he was from, and he did not tell me his name, but he said to me,

Judges 13:6-7

“Behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. So then drink no wine or strong drink, and eat nothing unclean, for the child shall be a Nazrite to God from the womb to the day of his death.”

II. Miraculous Births follow an extraordinary announcement

- **Extraordinary Messenger (3)**
- **Extraordinary Message (3-4)**
- **Extraordinary Mission (5)**
- **Extraordinary Mystery (6-7)**

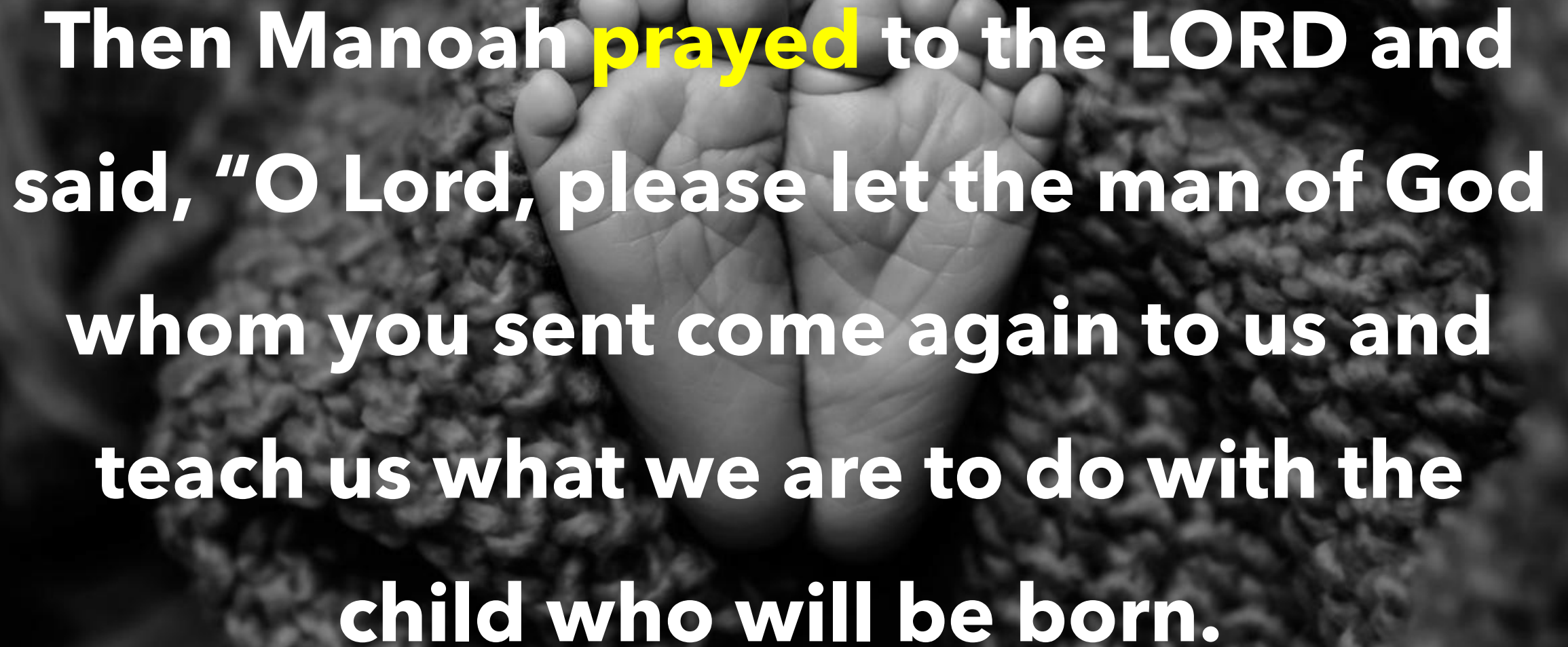
III. Extraordinary announcements create questions within us

- **Seek God first in prayer for answers (8-9)**



Judges 13:8-9

Then Manoah **prayed to the LORD and said, "O Lord, please let the man of God whom you sent come again to us and teach us what we are to do with the child who will be born.**

A pair of hands is shown in a prayer position, palms facing each other, with fingers slightly spread. The hands are light-skinned and appear to be resting on a dark, textured surface. In the background, a large, out-of-focus crowd of people is visible, suggesting a public gathering or a church service. The overall tone is solemn and reverent.

Judges 13:8-9

And God listened to the voice of Manoah, and the angel of God came again to the woman as she sat in the field. But Manoah her husband was not with her.



III. Extraordinary announcements create questions within us

- **Seek God first in prayer for answers (8-9)**
- **Screen for divine authority (10-11)**



Judges 13:10-11

**So the woman ran quickly and told
her husband, "Behold, the man who
came to me the other day has
appeared to me."**

A black and white photograph of a pair of hands, palms up, holding a small amount of dark, crumbly soil. The hands are positioned centrally, with the fingers slightly curled. The background is a blurred, textured surface, possibly more soil or a rough fabric, creating a sense of depth and focus on the hands and the soil they hold.

Judges 13:10-11

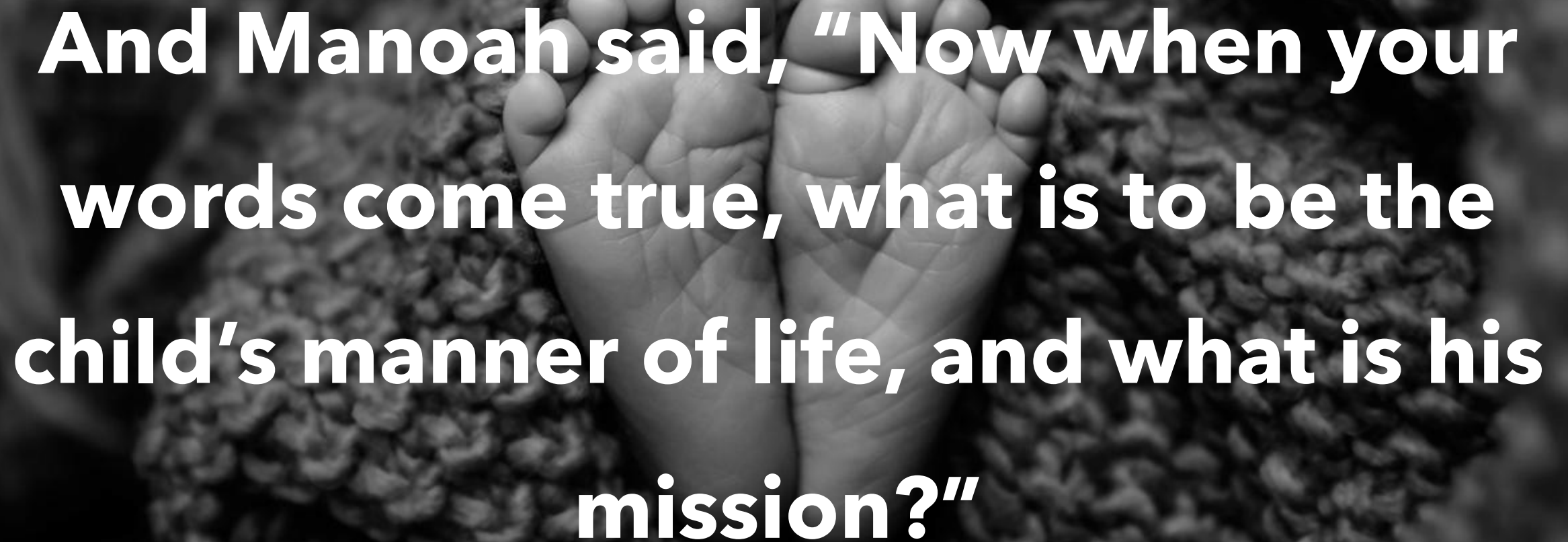
And Manoah arose and went after his wife and came to the man and said to him, "Are you the man who spoke to this woman?" And he said, "I am."

III. Extraordinary announcements create questions within us

- **Seek God first in prayer for answers (8-9)**
- **Screen for divine authority (10-11)**
- **Settle your doubts with respectful
questions (12-14)**

Judges 13:12-14

And Manoah said, "Now when your words come true, what is to be the child's manner of life, and what is his mission?"





Judges 13:12-14

And the angel of the LORD said to Manoah, "Of all that I said to the woman let her be careful."

Judges 13:12-14

She may not eat of anything that comes from the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, or eat any unclean thing. All that I commanded her let her observe."

IV. By Faith we receive God's Miraculous Gift

- **Faith means we can't control everything(15-16)**



A black and white photograph of a pair of feet standing on a textured, pebbly surface. The feet are positioned centrally, with the toes pointing slightly outwards. The background is a dense field of small, rounded stones or pebbles, creating a highly textured appearance. The lighting is soft, highlighting the contours of the feet and the individual pebbles.

Judges 13:15-16

**Manoah said to the angel of the
LORD, "Please let us detain you and
prepare a young goat for you."**

Judges 13:15-16

And the angel of the LORD said to Manoah, "If you detain me, I **will not eat of your food. But if you prepare a burnt offering, then offer it to the LORD."**

IV. By Faith we receive God's Miraculous Gift


- **Faith means we can't control everything(15-16)**
- **Faith means we won't know everything(16-20)**

Judges 13:16-20

(For Manoah did **not know** that he was the angel of the LORD.). And Manoah said to the angel of the LORD, "What is your name, so that, whey your words come true we may honor you?"

Judges 13:16-20

**And the angel of the LORD said to him,
“Why do you ask my name seeing that is
wonderful?”**

A black and white photograph of a pair of feet standing on a highly textured, pebbly surface. The feet are positioned centrally, with the toes pointing slightly outwards. The texture of the ground is very prominent, with many small, rounded pebbles or stones. The lighting is soft, creating subtle shadows on the skin of the feet and the ground.

Isaiah 9:6

**For to us a child is born, to us a son is
given; and the government shall be upon
his shoulder, and his name shall be called
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

A black and white photograph of a pair of hands, palms up, holding a large quantity of grain (likely wheat or barley) over a rough, textured rock surface. The hands are positioned centrally, with the grain filling the space between them and the rock. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the textures of the skin, the grain, and the rock.

Judges 13:16-20

So Manoah took the young goat with the grain offering, and offered it on the rock to the LORD, to the one who works wonders, and Manoah and his wife were watching.

Judges 13:16-20

And when the flame went up toward heaven from the altar, the angel of the LORD **went up in the flame of the altar. Now Manoah and his wife were watching, and they fell on their faces to the ground.**

IV. By Faith we receive God's Miraculous Gift

- **Faith means we can't control everything(15-16)**
- **Faith means we won't know everything(17-20)**
- **Faith comes greater to some than to others.
(21-23)**

A pair of hands, palms up, holding a large, rough, grey stone. The hands are positioned in the center of the frame, with the fingers spread. The stone is held between the palms and is the central focus of the image. The background is dark and out of focus.

Judges 13:21-23

The angel of the LORD appeared no more to Manoah and to his wife.

Then Manoah knew that he was the
angel of the LORD.

Judges 13:21-23

And Manoah said to his wife, "We shall surely die, for we have seen God." But his wife said to him, "If the LORD had meant to kill us, he would not have accepted a burnt offering

A black and white photograph of a pair of feet standing on a field of grain, with the text of Judges 13:21-23 overlaid.

Judges 13:21-23

**and a grain offering at our hands, or
shown us all these things, or now
announced to us such things as these.**

**“She will bear a son, and
you shall call his name
Jesus, for he will save his
people from their sins”**

Matthew 1:21



A black and white photograph of a pair of baby feet, showing the soles, resting on a dark, heavily textured surface like a rug. The feet are positioned centrally. Overlaid on the image is red text. The word 'MIRACULOUS' is in a serif font, with a large, stylized red 'M' that loops around the top left of the word. Below it, the word 'BIRTHS' is in a similar serif font, with a large, stylized red 'B' that loops around the left side of the word.

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