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# Simplicity of Christmas



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## How to Experience Less Frustration and More Gratitude This Crazy Christmas:

### The One Thing:

Faith Fuels \_\_\_\_\_

Even When It Requires Great \_\_\_\_\_.

### Five Keys for a Flexible Yet Faithful Faith:

1. Be \_\_\_\_\_ – Only \_\_\_\_\_ is  
\_\_\_\_\_.

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2. Be \_\_\_\_\_ – Only \_\_\_\_\_ Puts Others \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 1:19** 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.

3. Be \_\_\_\_\_ – Only \_\_\_\_\_ Will Correct My \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 1:20** But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

4. Be \_\_\_\_\_ – Only God’s \_\_\_\_\_ Clarifies My \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Luke 2:10-11** But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

**Isaiah 9:6** For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

5. Be \_\_\_\_\_ – Only \_\_\_\_\_ Will Produce God’s \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matthew 1:24** When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.