



LOVE

MATTHEW 1:18-25

Matthew 1:18-19 ESV

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.



Matthew 1:20-23 ESV

But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”



Matthew 1:22-25 ESV

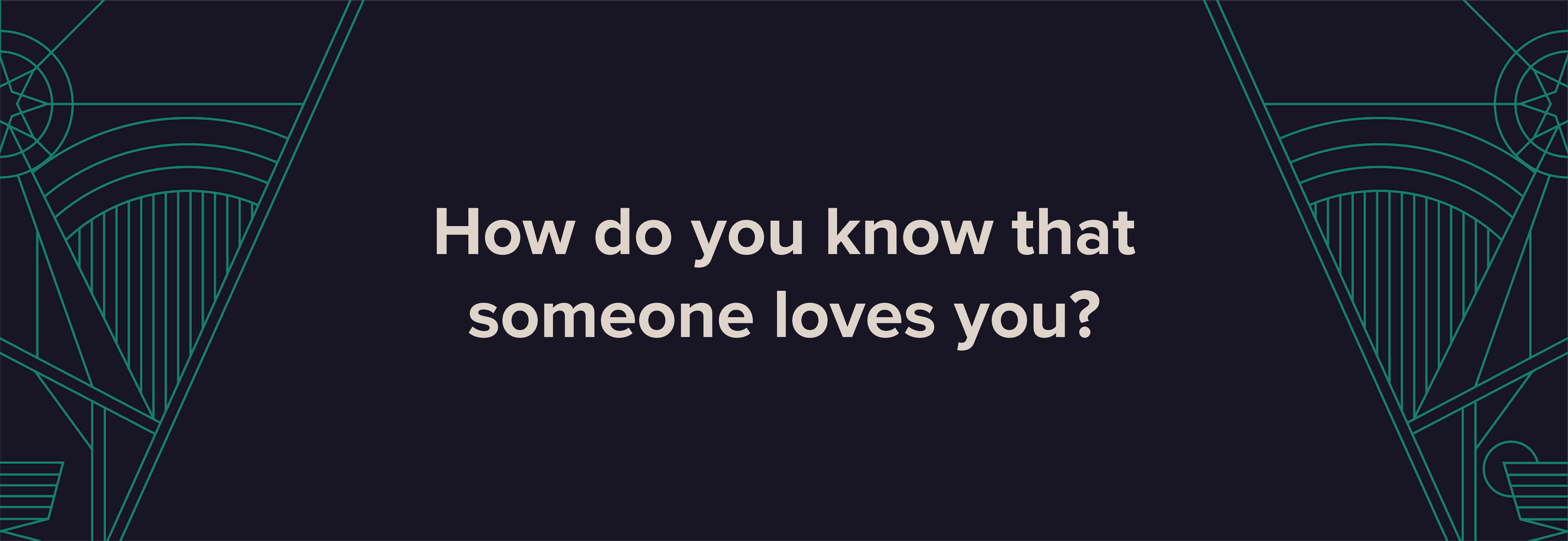
All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:
²³ “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). ²⁴ When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵ but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.



JOSEPH

- Appears five times
- Three times visited by an angel
- No recorded words
- Not seen after Jesus is twelve





**How do you know that
someone loves you?**

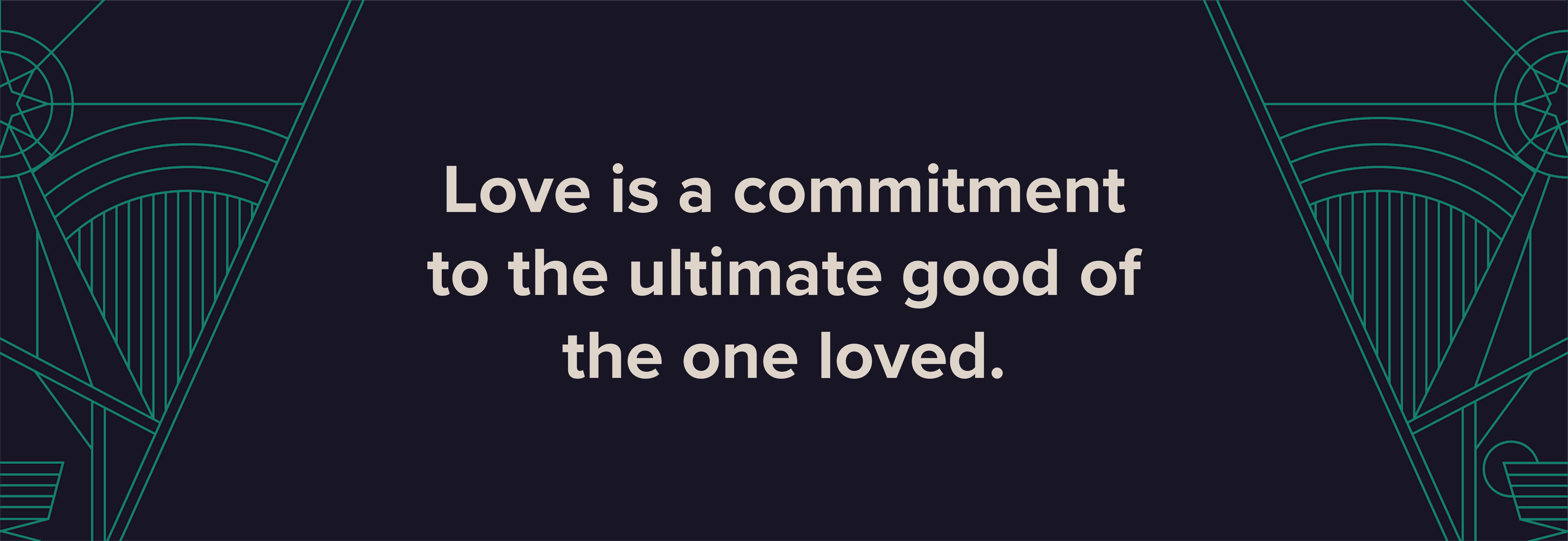
JOSEPH'S LOVE

For God - Trusting Obedience

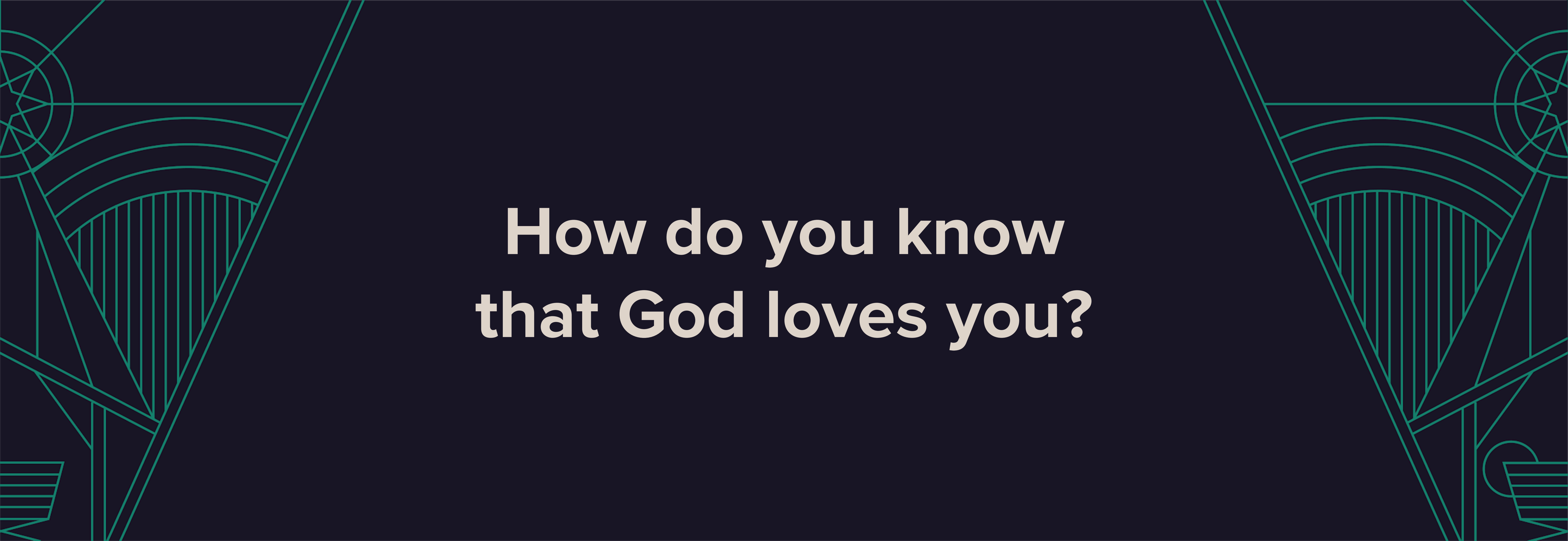
For Mary - Humble Sacrifice

For Jesus - Protect & Provide





**Love is a commitment
to the ultimate good of
the one loved.**



**How do you know
that God loves you?**

John 3:16 ESV

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

1 John 4:9-10 ESV

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.



**The depth of God's love for us
can be measured by the value of
the sacrifice He made for us.**



**Through the gift of Jesus,
we know that God loves us
completely, deeply & eternally.**



Through Jesus we have...
peace, joy, hope & love.

Romans 5:1-5 ^{ESV}

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.