*Sometimes God asks us to do things that may put us in an embarrassing situation. He may ask us to go into a bar or club on our way to church. He might have someone married to carry groceries to someone single in the middle of the night. He might allow us to go to checkout of the local store and realize we left our wallet at home. What do you when God anointing is on your life and you find yourself trying to explain God when it doesn’t appear to be “His Will”? Joseph and Mary were being tested as they fulfilled prophesy and it caused questions. You are being tested to fulfil God’s purpose. Stand firm.*

1. What’s Your perception? Let’s talk about it.

There are three perception that can drive our future:

* Your Perception (Mary)

“How can this be?”

* Other Perception (those around her)

Joseph – “I must put her away”

* God’s Perception (God’s)

The angel – “Mary you are going to have a child and Joseph you going to take Mary as your wife”.

1. What would you do if God asked you to do something that had never been done?
2. How faithful are you to God call on your life?
3. Are you faithful to the Lord? Your family? Your church?

* 1. Change your perceptions.  Admit that the way you've been interpreting your life has been sabotaging your ability to break free of the destructive patterns that are holding you back.
	2. Stop the cycle of generational dysfunction.  If you don't attend to the dysfunctional patterns that you've inherited from your family, you'll likely repeat them yourself.  So, break the cycle before it can continue any longer.
	3. Form Godly habits.  Changing the way, you think will change the way you live, so ask the Holy Spirit to renew your mind daily.  Whenever you catch yourself thinking negative, unhealthy thoughts, replace them with thoughts that reflect biblical truth.
	4. Surround yourself with faithful friends. Develop a group of close friends who want what's best for you, and commit to encouraging, supporting, and holding each other accountable as you all grow closer to God.
	5. Stay focused. Remain focused on doing what God leads you to do each day to move beyond your past destructive life and build a new, healthier one. Aim to fulfill God's purposes for you every day.