

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

*Do Not  
Be Afraid*

MATTHEW 1:18-23

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**This is how the Messiah's birth came to be!**

***What is Joseph to do?***

***What is Joseph experiencing?***

***Questions, fear, worry, stress, confusion?***

*As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. “Joseph, son of David,” the angel said, “do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”*

**Matthew 1:20-21 (NLT)**

**Do not be afraid!**

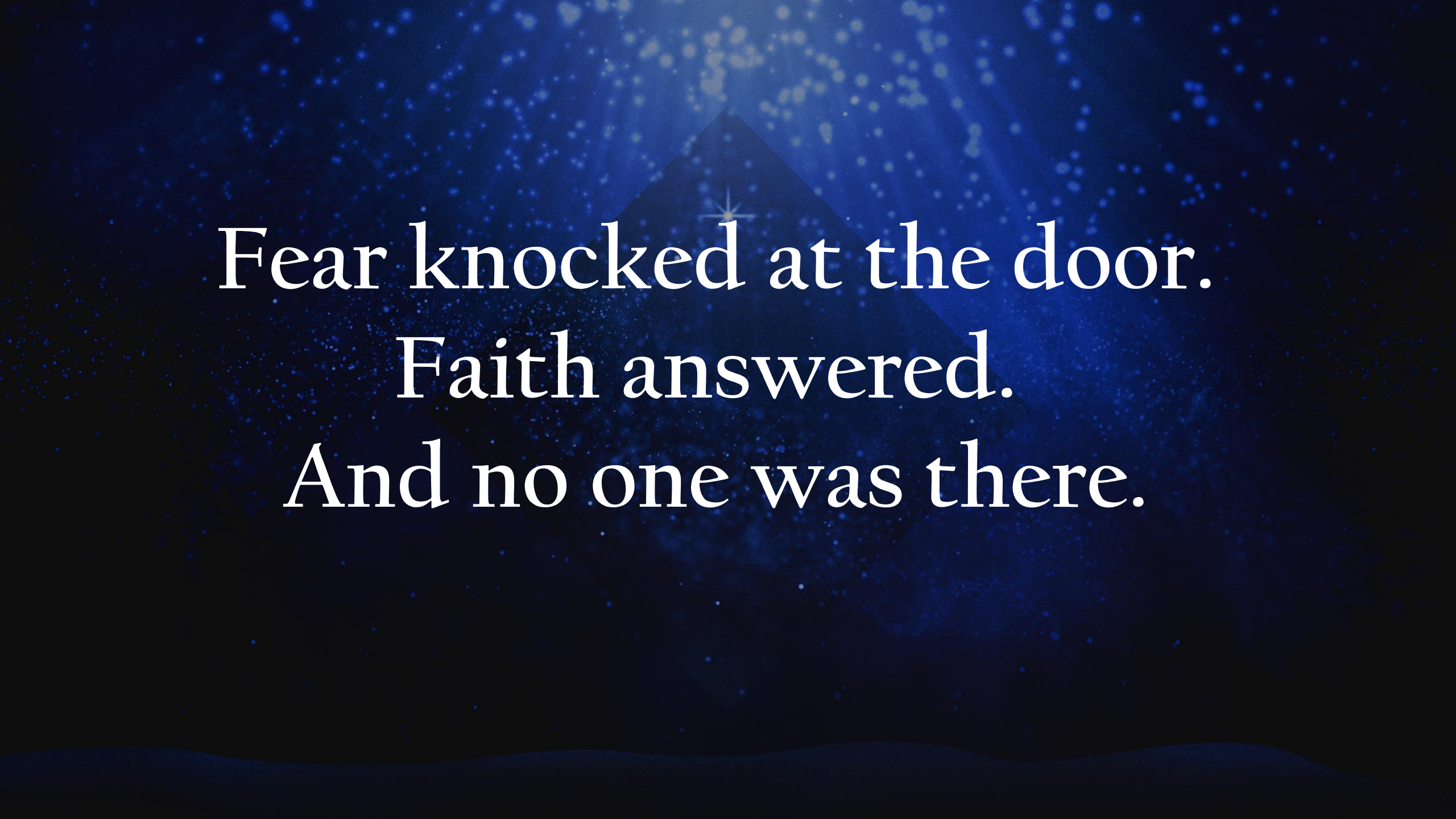
*“I will be with you”*

*“I will help you through this”*

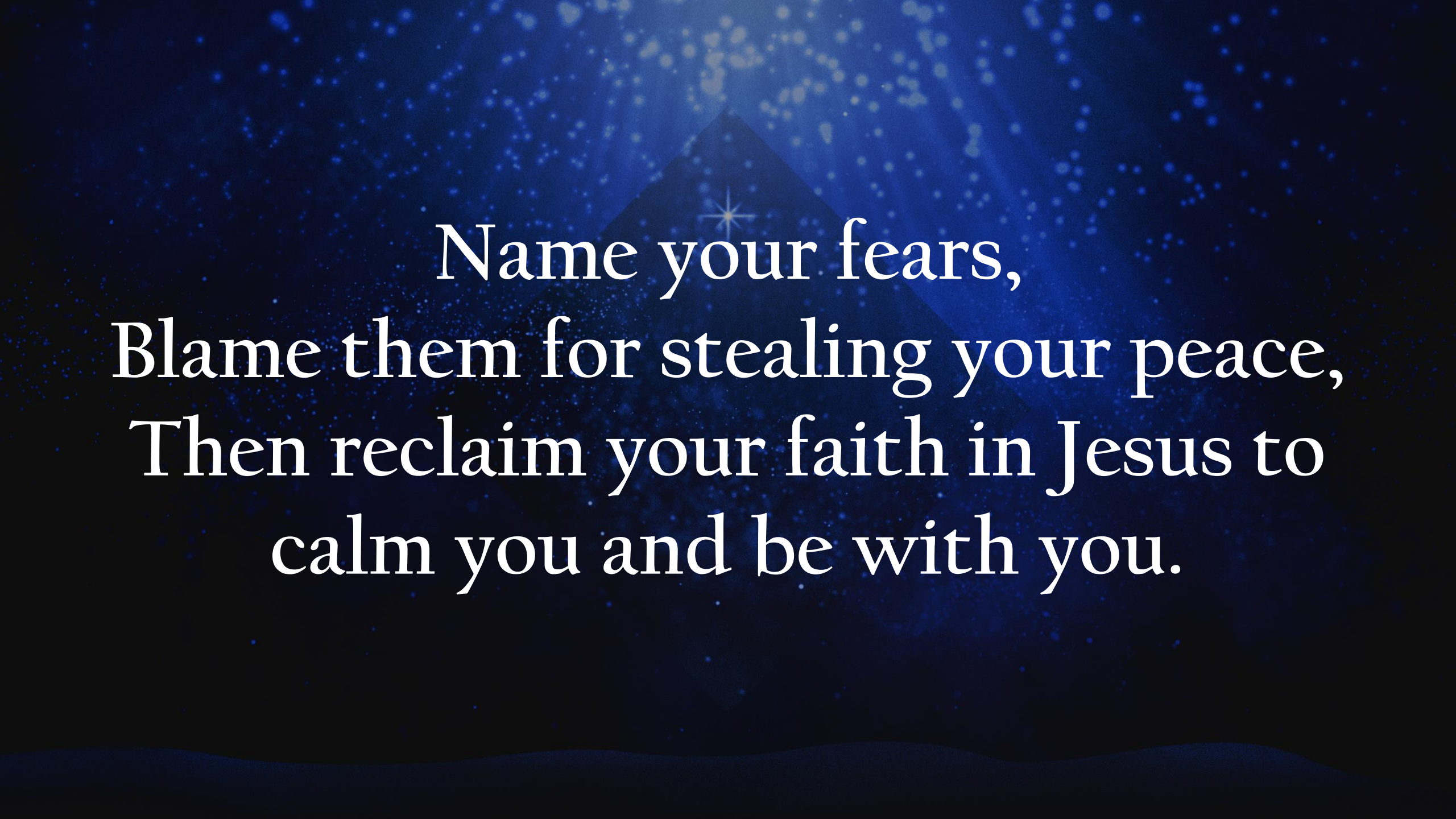
*“I will give you guidance”*

*“I will not leave you alone”*

**God is with us!**



Fear knocked at the door.  
Faith answered.  
And no one was there.



Name your fears,  
Blame them for stealing your peace,  
Then reclaim your faith in Jesus to  
calm you and be with you.

*“Don’ be afraid, for I am with you.  
Don’t be discouraged, for I am your  
God. I will strengthen you and help  
you. I will hold you up with my  
victorious right hand.”*

**Isaiah 41:10 (NLT)**

God has restored us  
in and through Jesus Christ!

God has established a relationship  
with us through Jesus!