

**“The longer I live the more beautiful life becomes. If you foolishly ignore beauty, you will soon find yourself without it. Your life will be impoverished. But if you invest in beauty, it will remain with you all the days of your life.”**

*Frank Lloyd Wright*

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# **An Architect's Definition of a Home:**

- 1. Home is a Place of Shelter**
- 2. Home is a Place of Privacy and Rest**
- 3. A Home Reflects Identity and is a Place of Development of Identity**
- 4. A Home is a Place for Connection and Community**

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<sup>18</sup>This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>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.

**Matthew 1:18-24 (NIV)**

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**<sup>20</sup>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. <sup>21</sup>She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”**

**Matthew 1:18-24 (NIV)**

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<sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: <sup>23</sup>“The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”). <sup>24</sup>When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

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# **“God With Us”**

*Theos: God*

**Meta: With**

*Ego: Me*

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# HOME IS A PERSON

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**Developing your relationship  
with Jesus begins with  
developing a relationship  
through His Word**

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# He Becomes Our Shelter

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**“Seek shelter in philosophy as much as you can. It will protect you in its womb, in its shrine you will be safe, or safer.”**

*Seneca*

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**The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

**John 1:14 (NIV)**

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**Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people both now and forevermore.**

**Psalm 125:1-2 (NIV)**

**When I tried to understand all this, it troubled me deeply till I entered the sanctuary of God; then I understood their final destiny . . . I was senseless and ignorant; I was a brute beast before you. Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand.**

**Psalm 73:16-17, 22-23 (NIV)**

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# He Nurtures Us In Private

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**“You have to do everything that you can to humanize the internet and to make sure that it doesn’t destroy our privacy because people cannot experience the restoration of their soul and stay healthy when they lose their privacy.”**

*Brunello Cucinelli  
to Silicon Valley Tech Founders*

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**Your life in Christ makes you strong, and his love comforts you. You have fellowship with the Spirit, and you have kindness and compassion for one another.**

**Philippians 2:1 (GNT)**

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