

The Glory Of Christmas: 2 of 3
“Joseph’s Story”
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Big Idea: God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things when we trust Him.

Remember verse:

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the **proper time** we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” **Galatians 6:9 (NIV)**

1. Joseph Was a Faithful Follower of God

Let’s take some steps through Matthew Chapter 1 verses 18 – 25:

“This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was **pledged** to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit.

- Because **Joseph her husband was a righteous man** and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to **divorce her quietly**.
- 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**.
- 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." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the **prophet**: "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him **Immanuel**"--which means, "**God with us**."
- When **Joseph** woke up, **he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him** and took Mary home as his wife. But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.” **Matthew 1:18-25 (NIV)**

“Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must put aside your **selfish ambition**, shoulder your cross **daily**, and follow me. If you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for me, you will find **true life**. - And how do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose or forfeit your own soul in the process?” **Luke 9:23-25 (NLT)**

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2. Joseph Was a Faithful Husband

“It is a true saying that if someone wants to be an elder, he desires an honorable responsibility. For an elder must be a man whose life cannot be spoken against. He must be **faithful to his wife**. He must exhibit **self-control**, **live wisely**, and have a **good reputation**. He must **enjoy having guests** in his home and must be **able to teach**. He must not be a heavy drinker or be violent. He must be gentle, peace loving, and not one who loves money.” **1 Timothy 3:1-3 (NLT)**

“And you husbands must **love your wives** with the same love Christ showed the church. He gave up his life for her to make her holy and clean, **washed by baptism and God's word.**” **Ephesians 5:25-26 (NLT)**

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3. Joseph Was a Faithful Father

“And you must **love the LORD** your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. And you must **commit yourselves** wholeheartedly to these commands I am giving you today. **Repeat them** again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away on a journey, when you are lying down and when you are getting up again.”
Deuteronomy 6:5-7 (NLT)

“He must **manage his own family well**, with children who respect and obey him. For if a man cannot manage his own household, how can he take care of God's church?” **1 Timothy 3:4-5 (NLT)**

No one can destroy you in a place of obedience to God

“After the wise men were gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream.” Get up and flee to Egypt with the child and his mother,” the angel said. “Stay there until I tell you to return, because Herod is going to try to kill the child.” That night Joseph left for Egypt with the child and Mary, his mother, and they stayed there until Herod's death. This fulfilled what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: “I called my Son out of Egypt.” **Matthew 2:13-15 (NLT)**

God has a role for you in history – Stay Faithful – at God's Proper Time – It will become Clear

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My next right step:

[] I will be faithful to the role God has placed me in.

[] I will trust God beyond what I understand.