

**Matthew 1:18 (NLT)**

**[18] This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**Matthew 1:19-20 (NLT)**

**[19] Joseph, her fiancé, was a good man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly. [20] 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...**

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

**[20] ...For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. [21] And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”**

# **JOSEPH - JESUS' FATHER?**

**Matthew 1:18-25**

**Matthew 28:19-20 (NLT)**

...go and make disciples of all the nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father  
and the Son and the Holy Spirit. [20] Teach  
these new disciples to obey all the  
commands I have given you. **And be sure  
of this: I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS,**  
**even to the end of the age.**

# People in Nazareth...

- thought Mary was **IMMORAL**
- thought Joseph & Mary were **BOTH IMMORAL**
- saw Jesus as an **ILLEGITIMATE** child

Mark 6:3 (NIV) Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this **MARY'S SON** and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

## **Joseph Was...**

- a **RIGHTEOUS** man
- a **COMPASSIONATE** man
- man of **FAITH**
- an **OBEDIENT** man
- a **COURAGEOUS** man

## **Joseph was Righteous and Compassionate**

- Cared **MORE** about Mary than himself
- Knew that **FEELINGS** were **NOT** a good indication of Right or Wrong
- Believed the **TRUTH** about Mary

**Galatians 2:20 (NIV)**

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life

I live in the body, **I live by FAITH**

**IN the Son of God,**

**who loved me and gave himself for me.**

## 2 Timothy 2:15 (NIV)

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who **CORRECTLY** handles the **WORD** of **TRUTH**.

## **Joseph was a man of OBEDIENCE...**

- took Mary as his wife **RIGHT AWAY**
- **NAMED** the baby Jesus
- **OBEYED** the Old Testament Law

→ **FAITH** and **OBEDIENCE**

**MUST** go hand in hand

## Habakkuk 3:17-19 (NIV)

Though the fig tree does **NOT bud** and there are **NO grapes** on the vines, though the olive **crop FAILS** and the fields produce **NO food**, though there are **NO sheep** in the pen and **NO cattle** in the stalls, yet **I WILL** rejoice in the LORD, **I WILL** be joyful in God my Savior. **The Sovereign LORD is MY strength...**

## **I WILL Continue to...**

- **REJOICE** in the Lord
- Remember God is **SOVEREIGN**
- **TRUST** the Lord for Strength

# Questions

1. Why is it so easy for us to go by our feelings rather than the Truth of God's Word?
2. Why is it impossible to separate Faith and Obedience?
3. What are some practical ways of Living out our Faith & Obedience this week?