

## The Obedience of Joseph (Luke 1:26-27; Matthew 1:18-25)

Introduction: “*God gave you 2 ears and 1 mouth...*”

- I. JOSEPH LISTENS, DOESN'T SPEAK, & OBEYS
  - A. No words of Joseph are recorded in the Bible
  - B. His quiet & faithful obedience to God can teach us a lot
  
- II. WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT JOSEPH?
  - A. He was a righteous man (Matt. 1:19)
  - B. He was merciful to Mary, whom he assumed had been unfaithful to him (v.19)
  - C. How fitting this merciful carpenter was chosen by God to be the earthly father of our merciful Savior
  
- III. GOD CHANGES JOSEPH'S PLANS & JOSEPH TRUSTS & OBEYS
  - A. Joseph is our model: obedience to God results from trusting Him
  - B. Romans 1:15 – “*...the obedience that comes from faith.*”
  
- IV. JESUS, GOD'S SON & JOSEPH'S SON ALSO TRUSTS & OBEYS
  - A. In the Garden of Gethsemane, the night before He goes to the cross
  - B. Jesus prayed to His Heavenly Father – “*Not what I will, but Your will be done.*”
  - C. Jesus is our model & our Savior
  - D. Our obedience results from trusting faith (Ephesians 2:8-10)
  - E. Joseph was planning a wedding...God told him to build a baby crib... & he did

Conclusion: Our birthday gift for Jesus – *the obedience that comes from faith*