

“Let’s Meet 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 (Matthew 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 Saviour.

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 Saviour
- 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

