

Portraits of Christmas
Joseph: Quiet Obedience
Matthew 1:18-25

Question: Have you been asked to do something really difficult that you did not want to do?

“Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.”

Matthew 1:18

Setting the context:

- Joseph comes from the line of _____ and _____.
- Joseph was to marry his _____ fiancé.
- Joseph was considered a _____ guy.
- Even nice guys are asked to do _____ things.

Main Point: God desires _____ even in difficult situations.

Lessons from Joseph:

1. Obedience may cost you your _____.
2. Difficulties are not a free pass to _____ others.
3. Obedience requires _____!
4. Obedience will require you to _____ your course.

Wrap Up:

Three times Joseph obeys the Lord without hesitation (1:24, 2:14, 2:21) doing exactly as he is told to do.

Are you willing to obey the Lord without hesitation? Are you ready to do exactly what the Lord has asked you to do?

Sermon by Pastor Dave Williams on Sunday, December 7th, 2014
Next week: Portraits of Christmas- The Shepherds