

## THE CHRONICLES OF CHRISTMAS

### Message #1 "Broken Dreams"

Scripture: Matthew 1:15-25

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*"Eliud the father of Eleazar, Eleazar the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob, 16 and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ."*

*"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. 20 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.'" Matthew 1:15-25*

### JOSEPH'S FEARS

*"Do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife..."*

#### 1. Ridicule

#### 2. Reputation

##### Understand if he leaves:

- A. He has a wife that betrayed him.
- B. He opens Mary up to severe discipline.

##### Understand if he stays:

- A. He is admitting that he committed adultery.
- B. He is accepting as his own - the son of another (man)

#### 3. Restitution

Ever felt like you just don't have any choices...?

### THE ACTIONS OF A HIDDEN HERO

#### 1. He was gracious. vs. 19-20

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#### 2. He was obedient. vs. 24-25 (even when it didn't make sense)

*"When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. 25 But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus."*

3. He was **faithful**. vs. 24

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### **NOTICE HOW JOSEPH FATHERED JESUS**

- A. He dedicated him in the Temple. Luke 2:21-23, 39
- B. He took him to the Temple. Luke 2:41-52 (every year)
- C. He protected his family. Matthew 2:2:13-14, Matthew 2:13-15

*“When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. ‘Get up,’ he said, ‘take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.’ 14 So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, 15 where he stayed until the death of Herod.”*

- D. Every indication is that HE WAS A FATHER to Jesus.

*“‘Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?’ they asked. 55 ‘Isn’t this the carpenter’s son? Isn’t his mother’s name Mary, and aren’t his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas? 56 Aren’t all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?’ 57 And they took offense at him.” Matthew 13:54-57*

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*“They said, ‘Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I came down from heaven’?” John 6:42*

4. He accepted his **purpose** in God’s story and **trusted Him**. vs. 24-25

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**BIG QUESTION:** Are you willing to surrender your dreams in order to follow the dreams that God has for you?