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***Joseph was….***

**1. Called to serve. (v.19-21)**

Our righteousness is shown by our **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. **(Matthew 7:20)**Joseph did not want to embarrass or disgrace Mary publicly, instead he wanted to divorce her **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

According to the law, he could have also had her put to **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

**(Leviticus 20:10)**Joseph reacted in a completely unexpected & **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** way!

Joseph’s actions reflected the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** of his heart. Do ours?

***When serving God…***

**A) Our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ do not matter!**

Joseph did the right thing even in the midst of very **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** circumstances!

When God calls us to serve Him, our circumstances do not matter! If they did, then God made a **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**!

In any and every circumstance, we must be **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to serve God! **(2 Corinthians 12:7-9; James 1:2-4; Romans 8:28)**

Serving God through difficult circumstances helps you **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** in your relationship with Him!

What God does in and through you in you **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** can change someone else’s **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**!

***Our circumstances do not matter when serving God, but…***

**B) Our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ does!**

We **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** how we react in any given situation or circumstance. How we make that choice will be based on our character.

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The condition of our hearts determines our character, which determines our **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**!

Being surrendered to serve God requires **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. **(Romans 12:1; John 3:30)**

***Just as we saw with Mary, Joseph was also…***

**2. Challenged to have faith!** **(v.20-21,23)**

We never have to **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** anything when God is with us! **(Is. 41:10)**

Gabriel challenges Joseph to have faith in what God **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** do!

Joseph being a righteous man would imply that he **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** the Old Testament and would have been aware of the promises of God **(Isaiah 41:10)**, including the ones about the Messiah. **(Isaiah 7:14)**

Being surrendered to serve God requires **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

***Joseph…***

**3. Conceded to God’s call! (v.24-25)**

Joseph surrendered to serve God! He was **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** obedient! We see no hesitations or reservations!

He did **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** things God called him to do: He married Mary, and he named the baby Jesus!

Joseph’s action demonstrated that he understood the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** of the virgin birth and how there could be no question about it. **(v.25)**

When you are surrendered to serve God, His is the only **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** that matters!

Don’t worry or stress about what others **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** or **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**! Have **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**! Trust God and He will do mighty works both in and through you, just as He did with Mary and Joseph!