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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.



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!