



PART 2: JOSEPH – THE WAY THROUGH RELATIONAL CHALLENGES

KEY SCRIPTURE

Matthew 1:18-25

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What plans or circumstances in your life have changed outside of your control?
2. Read Matthew 1:18. If you were Joseph, how would you have responded?
3. Read Matthew 1:19. Even though vengeance would have been justified, Joseph chose to show mercy to protect Mary from public shame. What does this indicate about Joseph's character?
4. Read Matthew 1:20. Joseph was afraid of people's opinion of him. When has the opinions of others kept you from obeying God?
5. Pastor Will said that Joseph's part in the Christmas story matters because we live in a world of shallow commitment and inflated self-interest. When do you struggle the most to fully show up in the relationships that matter the most?
6. Joseph was a picture of the humility and self-sacrifice of God towards us. Who do you need to show humility and self-sacrifice towards this week?
7. How is God asking you to soften your heart toward a challenging situation or person this Christmas?

Application Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me to show humility and self-sacrifice toward my family (whoever is at the crossroads with me) this Christmas. Because you first showed it to me.