

**Joseph—The Man of Great Faith**  
**Matthew 1:18-24**

A couple of weeks ago we looked at the parents of Jesus. Tonight, I wish to look more closely at Joseph, the man who is often \_\_\_\_\_ in the Christmas story. There are some significant character \_\_\_\_\_ that we should consider.

- I. The \_\_\_\_\_ That Joseph Faced Vs 18
  - A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of His Hopes
    - 1. Mary was pregnant
    - 2. The miraculous work of God in her body
      - a. Joseph had \_\_\_\_\_ clue what was going on
      - b. \_\_\_\_\_ Joseph knew was his bride-to-be was expecting a child and it was not his!
  - B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of His Heart
    - 1. From the verses that follow, it seems Joseph \_\_\_\_\_ Mary very much
    - 2. He chose not to make this a \_\_\_\_\_ matter, even though he had legal right to do so
- II. The \_\_\_\_\_ That Joseph Fathomed Vs 19
  - A. Joseph's \_\_\_\_\_ Nature & Character
  - B. Joseph's \_\_\_\_\_ Notion & Compassion
- III. The Prevention That Joseph \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 20
  - A. Joseph's \_\_\_\_\_ Changed
  - B. Joseph's \_\_\_\_\_ from God
- IV. The \_\_\_\_\_ That Joseph Felt Vs 20b-23
  - A. The Testimony of This Peace Vs 20b-21
    - 1. Joseph must have been a \_\_\_\_\_ of OT Prophecy
    - 2. Joseph Found Peace in \_\_\_\_\_ What Was Really Happening
  - B. The \_\_\_\_\_ Behind This Peace Vs 22-23
- V. The \_\_\_\_\_ That Joseph Followed Vs 24-25
  - A. The \_\_\_\_\_ Action of His Faith Vs 24
  - B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of His Flesh Vs 25

Joseph seemed to be a man of \_\_\_\_\_ action (Vs 19). He developed a plan of action that would \_\_\_\_\_ his love and concern for Mary. Once he was made aware of the truth of the situation, he showed that he was a man of \_\_\_\_\_ to God's will for his life even though it would bring \_\_\_\_\_ in the future-gossip, awkwardness in social gatherings, maybe loss of business as a carpenter, etc.