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Do Not Fear to Obey

Matthew 1:18-25

Joseph appears in the pages of Scripture almost as an afterthought. We don't know as much about him as we think. In fact, we know very little about Joseph. Joseph is important enough to warrant a visit by an angel. In the angelic visit, Joseph is told God is doing an extraordinary work and should not be afraid to obey God. Just as Joseph should not be afraid to obey God neither should we.

Additional Verses:

1 Samuel 15:22

2 Samuel 7:12-17

Isaiah 53:4-12

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Ezekiel 36:25-31

2 Corinthians 5:9-10

Outline:

1. God calls us to obey over objections.

2. God uses our obedience to accomplish extraordinary works.

Study Questions:

1. Why do you think we know so little about Joseph? What is the most important piece of information we know about Joseph?

2. Why do we voice objections to obeying God? What does our objections reveal about our faith?

3. Why is it important that Joseph is a descendant of David? How is this a fulfillment of 2 Samuel 7:12-17?

4. How does God use ordinary obedience of His people to accomplish extraordinary acts? What does 1 Samuel 15:22 teach us about obedience in contrast to religious activities?

5. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?