

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

Obedient Dreamer Matthew 1:18-24, Matthew 2:13-23

Christmas characters

Real people who lived out the Birth of our Savior
Last week Kurt talked about Mary – A girl who was favored, a girl who was chosen and a girl who believed.

Today we are look at her fiancé Joseph

The person most impacted by the news after Mary

First the Nightmare! **Matthew 1:18-19**

Joseph finds out his fiancé is pregnant

Joseph knows this cannot be from him

Relationally hurt and violated

Grieving and **Contemplating** the consequences

He fears the disgrace and persecution

Not only for him but Mary

So being the good man he was he searched for a way to make this all disappear quietly so as to protect himself and Mary.

And then the Lord steps in...

A Dream to Receive **Matthew 1:20-24**

Receive **Peace** – “Do not be afraid”
Receive **Mary** – v. 20 “Take Mary as your wife”
Receive the **Child** – v.20 “For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit”

Receive Him as the **Savior** – v. 21 “She will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

He gets to receive relational peace

Receive the honor of being the father figure to the savior!

Joseph chooses to **obey** and **receive!**

Fast forward a few years

A Dream to Run

Joseph and Mary are raising Jesus

Wise Men just left

Matthew 2:13-15

This time the Lord tells him to go now and he does!

Not only this but running to Egypt also meant leaving the comforts of his family, community, country...

Joseph **chooses** to **obey** and **run!**

A Dream to Restore **Matthew 2:19-23**

When the time was right the Lord gave Joseph two dreams to **restore** him to his home county and to **fulfill** prophesy.

This restoration sets the stage for the rest of the story
of Jesus and His ministry?

What do we learn from Joseph's experiences?

God calls us to obedience

Obedience leads to blessing

God will call us to big things, but none of them are too
big for Him to handle!

Closing thought

Don't just dream of obedience, LIVE OBEDIENCE!