

# **“A Christmas Obedience”**

**Matthew 2:13-23**

*From newborn King to homeless fugitive, the story of Jesus rapidly changes circumstances. Left unchanged, however, are the plans of God and the faithfulness of Joseph. The authentic Christian life displays “a long obedience in the same direction.”*

## **1. Understanding the Mission (vv.13-15)**

- **Sensitivity to the Call of God**
  
- **Immediate Obedience**

## **2. Recognizing the Battle (vv.16-18)**

- **Physical Components**
  
- **Spiritual Components**

## **3. Winning the War (vv.19-23)**

- **Sensitivity to the Voice of God**
  
- **Continuing Obedience**
  
- **Biblical Consistency**