

Lessons From Joseph - The Man Chosen to Raise Jesus 6-21-2026

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Matthew 1:18-25

Joseph was a Righteous Man - Matthew 1:19

1. BEFORE Joseph was a father, he was a man who loved God
2. His relationship with God shaped every part of his life.
3. You CANNOT lead your family if you are not first following God
 - a. Your Children need more than a successful father
 - b. They need a godly father
 - c. Who you are with God determines who you become at home

Joseph Obeyed God Immediately - Matthew 1:24

1. Joseph Obeyed without argument
 - a. When God said marry Mary, Joseph Obeyed
 - b. When God said flee to Egypt, Joseph Obeyed
 - c. When God said return home, Joseph Obeyed

2. Joseph teaches that DELAYED Obedience is DISOBEDIENCE

Joseph Protected His Family - Matthew 2:13-14

1. In the middle of the night, Joseph rose and took action
2. He protected his family physically and spiritually
3. A Father is called to be a guardian of the home.
 - a. He protects His marriage
 - b. He protects His children
 - c. He protects the atmosphere of the home
 - d. He protects the spiritual condition of the family

Joseph was Present - Matthew 13:55 (Jesus was known as the carpenter's son)

1. Joseph Worked
2. Joseph Taught
3. Joseph Spent Time with Jesus
4. Though he was not the biological father of Jesus, people identified Jesus with him.
5. The GREATEST GIFT to your family is not what you buy for them, but your PRESENCE with them.
6. **STORY OF THE FISHERMAN AND THE BUSINESS MAN**

Joseph Prepared Jesus for His Purpose - Mark 6:3

1. Joseph taught Jesus carpentry.
2. Jesus learned a trade and experienced life in a home where faithfulness was modeled daily.
3. Joseph's influence helped prepare Jesus for His earthly ministry.
4. Fathers have a holy responsibility to prepare children for God's purpose

Joseph Stepped into the Background so Jesus Could Shine

1. Eventually Joseph disappears from Scripture
2. Jesus becomes the focus
3. Joseph was willing to decrease so God's Son could increase

4. Great fathers understand that it is not about building their own name; it's about helping their children fulfill God's calling

Great Fathers are:

1. Righteous Men - They Walk with God
2. Obedient Men - They follow God's voice
3. Protective Men - they guard their families
4. Present Men - they invest in their lives
5. Purposeful Men - they prepare their children for God's calling

Romans 8:15, "Ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba Father"