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**Advent**

**Joseph, Mary's Husband: It Matters!**

Matthew 1:18-25 NASB

Righteous: Living in conformity and obedience to God's commandments and Spirit. Characterized by justice, mercy, humility, purity, honesty, commitment and love.

Matthew 1:19 NASB *"And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly."*

I. We are called to live righteously, to pursue righteousness.

I Timothy 6:11 NLT *"But you, Timothy, are a man of God; so run from all these evil things. Pursue righteousness and a godly life, along with faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness."*

Matthew 5:20 NIV *"... unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees..."*

Micah 6:8 NASB *"He has told you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you But to do justice, to love kindness, And to walk humbly with your God?"*

Pure, obedient, humble, just, honest, kind, loving.

II. It Matters.

Matthew 5:14-16 *"... it will glorify your Father in heaven."*

2 Timothy 2:21 *"If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use."*

Titus 3:5 *"He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy."*

Philippians 2:14-15 *"...it is God who works within you..."*

**Key verses from Joseph's life:**

*"And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man..." Matt. 1:19*

*"He did what the Lord had commanded him." Matt. 1:24*

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