



Messy Christmas - Joseph – Pastor Mark Pope
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1. When you find yourself in a “tough spot” – what’s your response? Do you react or have you discovered a healthy way to deal when things get tough?
2. Read Matthew 1:18-25 Joseph understood his challenge. What value comes with choosing reverence for God?
3. How do you tend to make messy situations worse before making them better? When has anger, selfishness, or greed made a tough situation worse in your life?
4. Read Isaiah 55:8-9 & Psalm 37:7-9 Share how these verses can help you in your messy times. What comfort do these scriptures bring?
5. Explore all the challenges Joseph faced in his interaction with the angel and the instructions that he was given. How do you think you would have responded? Explain.
6. Pastor Steve shared that “Joseph placed a higher value on God’s instructions than his personal desires”. What benefit did he gain from this approach? What happens when we serve our own desires over God’s instructions?
7. Often times we need to “pause” to allow God to move. What area do you need to wait on the LORD this week? Be encouraged to know that “break-throughs take time!”