# Joseph—A Spirit-Led Believer December 10, 2017







I. Joseph Takes the Hit... but hears from God

Matthew 1:18 (NKJV) <sup>18</sup>Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 1:19 (NKJV) <sup>19</sup> Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. James 2:13 (NKJV) <sup>13</sup> For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment

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#### God makes His Spirit-Led men and women through tough times.

# Matthew 1: 20-25 NKJV :20 But while he thought about these things, behold an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream...

:24 Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, *did as the angel of the Lord commanded him* 



If you want to be a SPIRIT-LED Believer, let Him work in your character.

Luke 2:1-7 NKJV



If you'll obey Him, He will get you RIGHT WHERE HE WANTS YOU and where you need to be.



# III. JOSEPH IS ALIVE IN THE SPIRIT

Matthew 2:13-15 NKJV: ...behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream...

When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt...

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Matthew 2:19-23 NKJV An angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother....

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God's leading will not be contrary to His Word.

#### Then, like Joseph, we are SPIRIT-LED BELIEVERS!