

Joseph: Submissive Leadership

Luke 2:1-39

- I. Willing to go where God wanted: From Nazareth to Bethlehem (Luke 2:1-20)
 - A. Submission: Joseph obeyed authority when he took Mary to Bethlehem (2:1-7).
 - He obeyed the government of Rome.
 - He possibly went to intentionally fulfill the prophecy about Bethlehem (Micah 5:2).
 - B. Submission rewarded: God sent angels to the shepherds who confirmed God's plan to Joseph and Mary (2:8-16).

- II. Willing to do what God's word said: From Bethlehem to Jerusalem (Luke 2:21-39).
 - A. Submission: Joseph followed God's law at Jesus' birth (21-24).
 1. God's law said to circumcise boys at 8 days old.
 2. The angel said to name the baby Jesus (Matthew 1:21).
 3. God's law said to present a baby boy to the Lord at 40 days old with a sacrifice.
 - B. Submission rewarded: God sent Simeon and Anna who confirmed God's word about Jesus (25-38).
 1. Simeon prophesied Jesus would bring salvation to all people (25-35).
 2. Anna prophesied Jesus would bring redemption to Israel (36-39).