
SERMON OUTLINE

What we learn about God from Joseph
Matthew 1:18-25

- I. Dilemma – God’s greatest plans will create troublesome dilemmas for those who serve Him (1:18-19).
 - A. Joseph received the troubling news of Mary’s pregnancy (18)
 - B. Joseph tried to do the right thing before He knew what God was doing (19)
 - Principle: *When God doesn’t speak, choose grace.*

- II. Purpose – God’s great purpose of salvation is worth living in uncomfortable obedience (1:20-25).
 - A. God asked Joseph to take Mary as his wife because God was sending Jesus to save people from their sin (20-21; Psalm 130:8; Jeremiah 31:31-34).
 - B. This plan of salvation through God’s virgin-born son was prophesied by Isaiah (22-23; Isaiah 7:14).
 - C. God needed Joseph to sacrificially accept a life of quiet obedience others would not understand (24-25).
 - Principle: *When God does speak, obey.*