

Sermon Notes
December 4, 2016
Matthew 1:18-25



Why Joseph?
Because of his righteousness?
Because of his obedience?
Because of God's plan!

Self-Control

"The self-control of this young couple challenges those today who doubt their ability to control their passions."

Craig Keener

2 Timothy 2:21-22 NLT

21 If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work. 22 Run from anything that stimulates youthful lusts. Instead, pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love, and peace. Enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts.

Matthew 5:32 ESV

32 But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

Micah 6:8 NLT

8 No, O people, the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.

Matthew 19:26 ESV

26 But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

"Joseph's obedience to God cost him the right to value his own reputation." Craig Keener

John 12:25 NLT

25 Those who love their life in this world will lose it. Those who care nothing for their life in this world will keep it for eternity.

Galatians 4:4-5 NLT

4 But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. 5 God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children.

Romans 3:23 ESV

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 6:23 ESV

23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 5:8 ESV

8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 10:9 ESV

9 because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 5:1 ESV

1 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.