

GO TO BETHLEHEM
Part 1: WITH MARY AND JOSEPH
December 2, 2018

"I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord."
Luke 2:11 (NIV)

OBEDIENCE

To _____ with the authority and direction of another.

To _____ another's _____.

MARY AND JOSEPH POSSESSED ...

1. A _____ TO _____.

'... For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.'

Matthew 12:34 (NIV)

"And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord¹ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior², for He has been mindful of the humble state of His servant.³ From now on all generations will call me blessed,⁴ for the Mighty One has done great things for me⁵ – holy is His name. His mercy extends to those who fear Him, from generation to generation."⁶

Luke 1:46-50 (NIV)

¹ "I will glory in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice."

Psalms 34:2 (NIV)

² "Then you will know that I, the LORD, am your Savior, your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob."

Isaiah 60:16 (NIV)

³ "And she made a vow, saying, "LORD Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life ..."

1 Samuel 1:11 (NIV)

⁴ "Then Leah said, "I am happy, for the daughters will call me blessed."

Genesis 30:13 (NKJV)

⁵ "... Then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy."

Psalms 126:2-3 (NIV)

⁶ "He provided redemption for His people; He ordained His covenant forever – holy and awesome is His name."

Psalms 111:9 (NIV)

"He went to Nazareth, where He had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day He went into the synagogue, as was His custom."

Luke 4:16 (NIV)

"Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly."

Matthew 1:19 (NIV)

"But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit."
Matthew 1:20 (NIV)

"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call Him Immanuel."
Isaiah 7:14 (NIV)

"When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord."
Luke 2:22-23 (NIV)

"Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. When He was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom."
Luke 2:41-42 (NIV)

- **Questions: How predisposed am _____ to _____?**

How well do I _____ God's Word?

Do I actually _____ God's Word?

2. AN _____ TO _____ GOD'S VOICE.

"The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."
1 Samuel 3:10 (NIV)

3. A _____ TO _____.

"When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife."
Matthew 1:24 (NIV)

- _____ obedience is _____.
- _____ obedience is _____.

4. A _____ THAT GOD HAS A _____ EVEN WHEN I CAN'T SEE THE WHOLE PICTURE.

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her."
Luke 1:38 (NIV)

- **Obedience is not about _____ I am asked to do. It's about _____ is asking me to do it.**

"I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that He considered me trustworthy, appointing me to His service."
1 Timothy 1:12 (NIV)

- **Obedience is no _____ of comfort, safety or security in this life.**

“Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, His mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.” Luke 2:34-35 (NIV)

MY NEXT STEP THIS WEEK IS ...

- To discover what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.
 - Check box on back of Communication Card

- To publicly profess my faith in Christ and be obedient to Christ’s command to be baptized.
 - Baptism Celebration next Sunday during our morning services.
 - Check box on back of Communication Card.

- To be obedient to Christ’s command to serve others.
 - Check box on back of Communication Cards.

- To invite an un-Churched friend to our Christmas Eve services at 4:00 P.M. and/or 5:30 P.M.