



## ***“The Footsteps of a Righteous Man”***

Matthew 1:18-25 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon  
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***Introduction*** - Today we will look at Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus, and what stood out to God in his life to be chosen to care for God’s Son, Jesus.

### ***I. Joseph Was An Ordinary Man.***

- A. God often chooses ordinary people to do great things.
- B. We know very little about Joseph –
  - 1. He was a descendant of king David.
  - 2. His hometown was Nazareth.
  - 3. He was engaged to Mary and became Jesus’ stepfather, not his biological father.
  - 4. Joseph had other sons and daughters.
  - 5. Joseph was a carpenter.  
(Gk.-“tekton”)
- C. The Scripture tells us that Joseph was a righteous man.

### ***II. Joseph Was a Righteous Man.***

- A. Finding out that Mary was pregnant forced Joseph to decide how to respond.
- B. The decision Joseph made indicates that he was a righteous man.
- C. What does righteousness mean in God’s eyes?
  - 1. Doing the right thing.
  - 2. Acting in the interest of others.
- D. God was watching and waiting to see how Joseph would respond to this disappointing, life-changing news.

### ***III. Joseph Was a Faithful Man.***

- A. Joseph was faithful to God and to his family.
- B. The Word of God was Joseph’s authority in life.
- C. Joseph believed what God said and followed His Word at great personal cost.

### ***Conclusion***