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Joseph's Question

"The Question Of Christmas"

*"If you love me, you will obey what I command." John 14:15*

Joseph said "yes" to God, even when things did not make sense.

I. Do it now. (Ref. Matthew 1:19-21; 24)

A. Joseph acted in immediate response to God's will. *"I will hasten and not delay to obey your commands." (Psalm 119:60)*

B. What makes God's commands burdensome?

II. Keep on trusting.

A. Obey immediately and constantly. (Ref. Matthew 1:25)

B. What do you do when life doesn't work out as planned? (Ref. 2 Corinthians 4:8)

III. Let go and let God. (Ref. Matthew 2:13-15)

A. Obedience did not take him to a comfortable place.

B. Jesus suffered for us so that we could be comforted. (Ref. Hebrews 5:8)

IV. Take a risk: Obey courageously. (Ref. Matthew 2:19-20)

A. This was dangerous. (Ref. Psalm 56:3)

B. Joseph took a risk.

V. Use common sense. (Ref. Matthew 2:21-23)

A. He heard from God and responded accordingly. (Ref. Matthew 7:24)

B. Joseph is not our greatest example. (Ref. Philippians 2:8)