

# Are You Ready For Christmas?

## Matthew 1:18-25

**“Being Ready” is NOT about your Activities...It’s about your ATTITUDES.**

This TIME of Year doesn’t “Prepare US” to celebrate **Christ’s Birth** we are to “Prepare Ourselves” to celebrate the **Birth of our Savior**.

**What are the Right Attitudes to have so **Christmas can REALLY Happen** in our Homes, in our Families & in our Hearts?**

### **1. BE READY TO ACCEPT GOD’S WILL, WHATEVER IT MIGHT BE.**

- Joseph was Open to the Will & Leading of God.
- When God Doesn’t Do what we Expect, it’s Hard to have Faith...
- God’s Ways are NOT always Our Ways. (Isaiah 55:8)
- Christmas Happened partially because Joseph Trusted GOD. (Romans 8:28)

### **2. BE READY TO CARE ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE.**

- Joseph had the Important Role of CARING for the Needs of Others.
- We try to Make a difference...we try to CARE...One Person at a time.
- **This Christmas...let others see that, “THIS Church REALLY CARES.”**
- Christmas came, in part, because Joseph CARED about Mary & Jesus.

### **3. BE READY TO GIVE WHATEVER WE HAVE TO GIVE.**

- Whatever God asked of him, Joseph Freely GAVE.
- When Joseph gave himself...Christmas Happened.
- On Christmas the Greatest Gift was GIVEN...the gift of LOVE.
- “I Give Myself to YOU.” is What God said at Christmas.
- If you’re READY for Christmas in ATTITUDE, IT WILL HAPPEN in the greatest way of all.