## When It's Difficult to Obey Christmas at Gilead December 1, 2024

Theme: Life is not measured by TIME; it's measured by MOMENTS of obedience. - Matthew 1:18 NLT

- Joseph was...
  - ✓ A CARPENTER (Matthew 13:55)
  - ✓ A righteous man (Matthew 1:19)
  - ✓ A descendant of DAVID (Matthew 1:20, Luke 2:4)
  - ✓ Mary's HUSBAND (Matthew 1:6)
  - ✓ Jesus' earthly father (Matthew 13:55, Luke 3:23, John 1:45)
- What Joseph didn't do ... Matthew 1:19-24 NLT
  - ✓ EXPLAIN it away Just a dream
  - ✓ ARGUE with God Not fair
  - ✓ ASK for second sign
  - ✓ DEMAND clarifying details
- Three life principles
  - 1) We don't have to understand completely to obey IMMEDIATELY.
  - 2) Obedience is our responsibility The OUTCOME is God's.
  - 3) Don't worry when you face OPPOSITION for your obedience to God. Worry when you don't!

Conclusion - Say YES to a God moment right now!