



## “CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: DOING WHO I AM WITH UNDERSTANDING”

Of Issachar, those who had understanding of the times, to know  
what Israel ought to do... 1 Chronicles 12:32

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**TEXT: MATTHEW 1:18-25**

**TITLE: HANDLING HARD DECISIONS**

**SUB TITLE: IS IT MY DESIRE TO DO THE RIGHT THING?**

### INTRODUCTION

- A. We all face moment when we have to handle hard decisions \_\_\_\_\_
- B. We can also acknowledge that we have not always handles our hard decisions well \_\_\_\_\_
- C. When needing to handle hard decisions, what do I do \_\_\_\_\_
- D. What do I do when someone close to me has deceived me? \_\_\_\_\_
- E. How do I handle the hurt, pain, disappointment, embarrassment, abandonment, etc.? \_\_\_\_\_

### JOSEPH'S HARD DECISION

- A. Mary and Joseph were engaged \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Mary and Joseph have not been together sexually, however, Mary is pregnant \_\_\_\_\_
- C. What options were available to Joseph? \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Joseph had a desire to do the right thing \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1. Joseph was unwilling to expose Mary to public disgrace
  - 2. Joseph desired to break the engagement with Mary privately
  - 3. Good, right and justice was already in Joseph
- E. Would I handle my hard decision that way? \_\_\_\_\_

### JOSEPH HAD A DESIRE TO DO THE RIGHT THING

- A. God chose Joseph because God already knew Joseph would do the right thing \_\_\_\_\_  
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- B. God chooses us because God already knows we will do the right thing \_\_\_\_\_  
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- C. Joseph desired to do the right thing before the Holy Spirit told him what to do \_\_\_\_\_  
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- D. Am I desiring to do the right thing before the Holy Spirit speaks? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- E. It was easy for Joseph to follow the Holy Spirit because Joseph was already in line with the Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_  
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- F. It is easy to follow the Holy Spirit when I am already in line with the Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_  
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