

# Joseph, Father of Jesus

Introduction: We never read of any words of Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus, yet we see his faith and leadership all over the story of Jesus. He is a good example for fathers to follow today.

## I. He Knew That Actions Are Louder Than Words

Matthew 1:18-21, 24-25

We never read his words in Scripture

*Zacharias muted, Mary questioned*

But he obeyed, protected and raised a son

*He took God's commands and obeyed*

## II. He Acted By Faith Despite What Others' Thought

Matthew 1:18-21

He refused to have Mary executed

He offered to have her taken away

He listened to God and raised a child not his

## III. He Recognized That Obedience Has A Cost

Matthew 1:24-25, Matthew 2:13, 22

He waited until after Jesus was born

He went to Egypt, 2:13

He lived in Nazareth, 2:22

## IV. His Influence Was Felt After He Was Gone

Luke 2:41, 52

Jesus was "the carpenter's son"

Jesus knew Scripture well

Jesus did not have perfect home life but had direction