

Joseph: He Believed God's Promise

Matthew 1:18-25; 2:13-23

You can believe God's promise:

1. You can trust God's promise in moments of doubt.

- He doubted that what he was hearing could be true.
(Matthew 1:18)
- He doubted that he could withstand the gossipy talk.
(Matthew 1:19)
- He doubted that his fiancé was worthy of trust.
(Matthew 1:19)
- He decided to trust God in spite of his doubts.
Matthew 1:22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying:
²³“Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”

2. You can trust God's promise in the middle of danger.

- His trust was demonstrated by ordinary obedience.
(Matthew 2:14)
- His trust was rewarded by extraordinary guidance.
(Matthew 2:19-23)
- He trusted God in spite of the danger.
Matthew 2:14-15 When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, ¹⁵ and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, “Out of Egypt I called My Son.”

3. You can trust God's promise in the midst of great difficulty. (Matthew 2:19-23)

- The path of least resistance may not be God's plan.
- The path of human reason may not be God's plan.
- The path of social conformity may not be God's plan.
- He trusted God in spite of the difficulty.
Matthew 2:23 And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

Eternal Truth:

For every problem there is a provision and that provision is in accordance with a promise.