

DECEMBER 15 & 16

# Fear Not: Joseph

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## Introduction

Waiting isn't easy, and we often find ourselves wondering if God is working while we wait. Be assured that not only is God working, but He has a plan for each of us, perhaps including waiting.

## Discussion

1. Read Hebrews 13:5-8. How does this explain how God helps us move through fear?
2. Discuss how God has been faithful in your life. How has God used these experiences to help others in your circle?
3. Even though we have fear, we are still called to be obedient to God. Read Exodus 19:4-6 and John 14:23. Discuss why we should obey God and what we receive in return for obedience to His will.
4. Genealogies during the time of Jesus normally only contained male names, so the genealogy in Matthew 1 is unique due to the inclusion of four women. Choose one of the women and read about how they contributed to the lifeline of Jesus.  
Tamar-Genesis 38  
Bathsheba-2 Samuel 11:2-3, 12:24  
Rahab-Joshua 2:1, 3, 6:17-25  
Mary-Luke 1:26-56

## Do Something

1. Volunteer in an area at church or with one of our local partners that is out of your comfort zone. Ask God to guide you through the process of pushing through your fear to go where He is calling you.
2. Prepare your heart for Christmas by reading through the stories of Jesus' birth in Luke and Matthew. Listen for God's nudging to determine what next steps He's calling you to take.
3. Share with a neighbor or friend how God is working in your life, and be ready to hand them an invite card for one of the Christmas Eve services next week.

## Resources

1. Explore the difference between the genealogies of Matthew and Luke.
2. *Letting Go of Fear: Put Aside Your Anxious Thoughts and Embrace God's Perspective* by Neil T. Anderson and Rich Miller is about letting go of the common but harmful fears of failure, evil and death, and find safety in your relationship with God.
3. Lou Giglio claims "Fear and faith cannot occupy the same space, so we lift our gaze to Jesus and praise takes over the darkness." Check out his four-part series called *Believe* on RightNow Media.