

# Expect A Miracle: Joseph

## Life Steps | December 12 & 13, 2015

### Day 1

**Matthew 1:18-25 & 1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

Expect a Miracle. Joseph demonstrates love is not a vague fuzzy feeling. He chose to be patient and kind to Mary in spite of her unexpected pregnancy. How is Joseph's response and Paul's writing different from how the world defines love? Which virtue seems the most challenging to you? Why?

### Day 2

**John 13**

Expect a Miracle. What does it mean to love one another in the way that Jesus has loved us? What does this mean for our closest relationships? Why can this be such a challenge? How would it change things?

### Day 3

**Matthew 1:20, 24 & 2 Peter 3:8-13**

Expect a Miracle. Joseph was patient with God and Mary. Peter speaks of God's patience with us. What do these passages teach us about patience? How can this posture impact our love for one another?

### Day 4

**Romans 5:1-11**

Expect a Miracle. The word for patience is translated in this passage as endurance or perseverance. How does this impact our understanding of love? What does patience in our love for one another do in us?

### Day 5

**Matthew 1:19 & Titus 3:1-11**

Expect a Miracle. Before the Angel ever revealed God's plan, Joseph had decided to be kind towards Mary. What does Titus say about God's kindness towards us? How does that influence what we understand kindness to be?

### Day 6

**Ephesians 4:17-32**

Expect a Miracle. What does this say about how we should treat one another? What does it say specifically about kindness? How does this challenge the way you treat your family and friends?

### Day 7

**Matthew 1:18-24 & 1 Corinthians 13**

Expect a Miracle. Joseph's obedience to God moved him to demonstrate patience and kindness to Mary. When defining Love, why do you think Paul begins with these two virtues? In what ways does this challenge or encourage your understanding of love? How does it make you want to treat those you are the closest to differently?