

# Ugh...Wasn't Expecting That: Joseph Life Steps | November 24 & 25, 2018

## **Monday**

**Matthew 2:18-25**

Put yourself in Joseph's shoes, what do you think you would be feeling upon the reception of this news? Do you anticipate having more intense emotional highs or lows this Christmas? Pray as needed.

## **Tuesday**

**Matthew 1:18-21 | 2:13-23**

How would you describe Joseph's relationship with God? Considering all of the nuances of this story, what are the character traits of Joseph you most admire? Why? What do you sense God saying to you through these verses?

## **Wednesday**

**2 Timothy 1:7 | 4:5 | Titus 1:8 | James 1:19**

**Proverbs 16:32 | 18:21 | 25:28**

Recall recent times when you received shocking, unexpected news. What was your most common knee jerk emotional reaction? Write down the verse that most speaks to you and begin to memorize.

## **Thursday**

**Matthew 1:18-21 | 2:13 | 2:19**

When is it hardest for you to hear God speak? Refer to your message notes as needed. When and how do you most clearly hear a word from God? Listen and pray as needed, seeking your next steps in your spiritual journey. Journal any clarity God is giving you.

## **Friday**

**Deuteronomy 31:6 | Nahum 1:7**

**Jeremiah 29:11 | Romans 8:28**

What is your current most emotionally charged challenge? Why? What is the consistent message God is speaking to you through these verses? Begin to memorize the passage that most resonates with you.

## **Saturday**

**Psalms 62:8**

Pour out your heart to God. Describe every thought, worry and the greatest ache in your soul. Tell God everything. After you have cried out to God, listen quietly for God's response and record in your journal.

## **Sunday**

**Matthew 1:20 | Luke 1:30**

What do you think were the unique and shared possible fears of Joseph and Mary? As we enter into the Christmas season, what are your greatest fears? Prayerfully journal your thoughts and feelings, asking God for wisdom and courage as needed.