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A Righteous Man

This past weekend Pastor Ken started our new series called *Ordinary Joe*. We will be looking at the life of Joseph, the forgotten man of the Christmas Story. During this series we would like to invite you to go through these points with someone at work, your family, or find a place to do it alone or with a friend. Let's grow and do life together.

Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. Matthew 1:20b NIV

1. We hear a lot about the different characters in the Christmas story, but we don't hear much about Joseph. In the Christmas story God starts out with a family tree because the promised Messiah would be a descendant of David (read Isaiah 9:7 and Matthew 1:16-17). God always keeps His promises. Name one of God's promises that has encouraged you in your walk with the Lord.
2. God chooses ordinary people because their work matters and when they offer their work to Him it becomes an expression of worship (read Colossians 3:23-24 and Matthew 5:16).
3. Joseph was a righteous man and didn't want to disgrace Mary publicly by dragging her through the mud, so he decided to break the engagement quietly (read Matthew 1:18-24). Joseph always tried to do the right thing in every situation and was a good example to Jesus as he grew up and for us today.
4. Have things become messy in your world? Have you been hurt, has someone wronged or caused you pain? Are you now wondering like Joseph, what is the right thing to do? Bring that situation to God and ask Him to give you the wisdom you need to do the right thing. Spend time with God praying and reading the Bible to discover the answer.

Close in prayer