



Joseph

*Luke 2:8-15, 1 Timothy 2:1-6, 2 Peter 3:9, John 3:16-18,
Matthew 28:18-20, 2 Corinthians 5:14-21*

- 1. The Joseph character we encounter in our video reminds us of George Costanza, the loveable loser from Seinfeld. Just as George Costanza has a gift for being the ultimate Klutz, this Joseph seemingly can't do anything right. Certainly no one in our Calvary family is klutzy (blush), but in your rare more klutzy moments, are you usable for the purposes of Almighty God? Why would God choose to use such people?*
- 2. A look at the first chapters of the Hebrew Bible reminds us that God has a history of using unlikely folks to do big things. God calls out Abram (who would easily qualify for our LOGOS group) to leave his home and embark on a trip with an undisclosed destination. For most of us, undisclosed destination trips are to be avoided like the virus. We want to know exactly where we're going and how we're going to get there. This relative nobody named Abram would become a somebody named Abraham whom God used to father a great nation. It seems that God has a penchant for using low-down dirty snitches, stutterers, prostitutes, fishermen, tax collectors, religious zealots, and the like to accomplish the work of the Kingdom. Just what does that say to us today?*

3. *Matthew chapter one describes Joseph as “just a man” who is a “just” man. Yet still he must have wondered, “what on earth is going on”? Of the Joseph in the video, the Director says, “I understand that Joseph is radically underqualified for all he’s about to encounter. But isn’t that the type of people God uses? The most unlikely folks do the biggest things. It seems like those are the ones God always picks because God never gives up on us. Do you sense God calling “little old you” to do something big? Like what?*

4. *In these rather fearful times of Advent 2020, let’s talk fear. Matthew 1:20 reminds us that fear was an issue for Joseph. In a dream the angel of the Lord tells Joseph, “Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife...”. How would you fill in the blank this Christmas season as you think about your life and the responsibilities and possibilities before you today:*

Do not be afraid to _____.
(use more space if needed)

5. *We are together virtually today, but God’s call is personal. God wants to use your life and circumstance to bring glory to God this Christmas. How will you respond in your situation and life this Christmas?*