Title: Blessed Revelation
Text: Matthew 1:18-24
Target: Every person needs a Joseph type figure in their life. However, in that effort to find that person, could we be that person!

I. Joseph's Dilemma: “Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way” (Vs. 18)

   A. his Engagement: “When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph” (Vs. 18)
   B. his Embarrassment: “before they came together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. (Vs. 18)
   C. his Estrangement: And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. (Vs. 19)

II. Joseph's Dream: “But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream” (Vs. 20)

   A. his Enlightenment: “saying, Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit” (Vs. 20)
   B. his Endearment: When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son, (Vs. 24-25a)
   C. his Endorsement: and he called his name Jesus. (Vs, 25b)

III. Joseph's Deliverance:

   A. “H”is Entitlement: “you shall call his name Jesus” (Vs.22)
   B. “H”is Empowerment: “for he will save His people from their sins” (Vs. 21)
   C. “H”is Embodiment: “Behold the virgin shall conceive and hear a son and they shall call his name Immanuel”. (Vs. 23)

Take Away: Could we be people that choose to stand with others giving other people the benefit of the doubt, when everyone else is in doubt? Who is that person for you?