



**Sermon Title:** “Christmas Lessons - Joseph” – Pastor Randy Hood

**Scripture Reference:** Matthew 1:18-25, Romans 12:9-21

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**Connect: Grow together**

- How did you hear God’s voice or sense His presence this week?
- What are you doing to prepare for Christmas in a spiritual sense? (not making shopping lists or cards, etc.)

**Deeper: Beyond the message**

- What was the main point of today’s message? How would you summarize it in one to three sentences?
- What did the message say about you or God’s people?
- What did the message mean for our church?

**Connect: Grow together**

- What motivates us to seek revenge? What do we hope to get from revenge?
- Does revenge really work or satisfy us? How does revenge compare with Christ’s teachings on loving our enemies?
- Re-read Matthew 1:18-25. What does this passage mean? What do we learn about Joseph and his character?
- Joseph set aside any frustration and listened to God’s voice in a dream in this very special circumstance. How might we listen to God’s voice when we are contemplating revenge?
- Describe a time you wanted to respond (or did) respond with revenge. What would a response of forgiveness have looked it in that setting?

- Re-read Romans 12:9-21. What would it look like for us to respond in this way? Can we forgive porch pirates, school shooters, enemies at work and those who cut you off in traffic?
- End by praying together for Jesus to be known in our city, country and world. Pray for New Horizons to be a lighthouse in Spokane especially during this Christmas season, and for those who do not know Him.

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