

LESSONS ON CONQUERING CHALLENGES FROM A COMMON CARPENTER

INTRO: *Of all of the characters in the Christmas story, Joseph is perhaps the one with which most of us can identify. He faced an extremely difficult challenge. A study of Joseph provides encouraging lessons for whatever challenges we might face.*

I. God calls His people to _____ tasks (1:18).

*Remember: God gives us more than we can handle but **not** more than He can handle!*

II. God's challenges may cause _____ (1:19).

Joseph was fearful but being righteous (just), knew that he had to respond in a godly manner.

III. When facing challenges,... (1:20-25). *There are three lessons from Joseph's story that encourage us!*

A. _____ (1:20-21).

We must choose to hear God's voice above the din of the World. God's voice is found in Scripture.

B. _____ (1:22-23).

God always has a plan- even if only to prove us!

C. _____ (1:24-25).

Hearing God's voice and seeing things from God's perspective mean nothing if we don't apply God's instructions.