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# "Whom God Uses"
### "(*God*) had sent a man ahead of them, <u>Joseph</u>..."
### (Psalm 105:17)

### "and Jacob the father of <u>Joseph</u> the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ."
### (Matthew 1:16)

## <u>Adaptive</u>

<u>Genesis 39:2</u> – "The LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man, and he was in the house of his Egyptian master."

<u>Genesis 39:22-23</u> – (22) "And the keeper of the prison put Joseph in charge of all the prisoners who were in the prison.  Whatever was done there, he was the one who did it. (23) The keeper of the prison paid no attention to anything that was in Joseph's charge, because the LORD was with him.  And whatever he did, the LORD made it succeed."

<u>Matthew 2:13-15</u> – (13) "Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' (14) And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt (15) and remained there until the death of Herod.  This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I called my son.'"

<u>Matthew 2:19-23</u> – (19) "But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, (20) saying, 'Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead.' (21) And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. (22) But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee.(23) And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene."

## Gracious

**Genesis 45:4-5** – (4) "So Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come near to me, please.' And they came near. And he said, 'I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. (5) And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life.'"

**Matthew 1:18-19** – (18) "Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. (19) And her husband Joseph, being a just man and <u>unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly</u>."

**Luke 2:48-49** – (48) "And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, 'Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.' (49) And he said to them, 'Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?'"

## Receptive to God's Word

**Genesis 37:5, 9** – (5) "Now Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers they hated him even more. (9) Then he dreamed another dream and told it to his brothers and said, 'Behold, I have dreamed another dream. Behold, the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me.'"

**Matthew 1:20** – "But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, 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.'"

**Matthew 2:13-14, 19, 22** – (13) "Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' (14) And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt (19) But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, (22) But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee."

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