

# “DECORATIONS FOR THE HEART”

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## ♥ A Reminder: Don't forget the **Inside!**

*“For the Lord does not see as man sees; for a man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the HEART.” 1 Samuel 16:7*

## OUR “DECORATIONS” GUIDE: MATTHEW 1:18-25 (page 681 in the pew Bible)

### ① The Decoration of **Trusting** (*Matthew 1:18-22*)

♥ Mary's **bombshell**. Joseph's **dream**.

✝ Your turn: When the difficulty descends will you **doubt or trust?**

### ② The Decoration of **Obeying**

*“When Joseph woke up, he DID what the Angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.” Matthew 1:24*

♥ “If you love Me, you will obey what I command.” John 14:15

✝ Your turn: Write God a **blank check**.

### ③ The Decoration of **Caring**

*“But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son, and he GAVE him the name Jesus.” Matthew 1:25*

♥ “Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me.”  
*Matthew 25:40*

✝ Your turn: Do something for someone who **can do nothing for you**.

★ The Take Home Point: Joseph shaped **his life around Jesus**.

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