**Christmas Scandal**--#2

**Scandalous Start**

**Text**: Matthew 1: 18-25

**Big Idea**: The interaction between God and Joseph in Matthew 1 is a pattern for us of how to trust God in times of devastation.

**I. Joseph faced the scandal of Mary’s p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** *Matthew 1:18*

A) The special nature of Jesus’ b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *18a*

B) The serious nature of Mary & Joseph’s b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *18b*

*Matthew 25:1-13*

C) The scandalous nature of Mary’s c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*18c*

**II. Joseph looked for the right c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to take through scandal**

A) Joseph desired not to d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Mary *19a*

B) Joseph decided to d\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Mary quietly *19b*

**III. Joseph was asked to become p\_\_\_\_ of God’s scandalous plan**

A) God encouraged Joseph: Don’t be a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *20*

B) God’s expectation of Joseph: Get i\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *21*

C) God explained his plan to Joseph: His p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ fulfilled *22-23*

*Matthew 28:20b*

**IV. Joseph took action** *24-25*

* He did
* He took
* He gave

**2 Takeaways:**

1. Faith calls us to be more concerned about GOD’S r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than our own.

2. Faith calls us to trust God’s h\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ even when we doubt His h\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.