

**Direction: He Directs Our Steps with His Words**

*When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. <sup>25</sup> But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.*

Matthew 1:24-25 (NIV)

**Provision: He Provides for Our Need with His Salvation**

*She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.*

Matthew 1:21 (NIV)

**ADVENT 2018: HE KNOWS MY NAME**

*"Joseph, The LORD Has Added"*

Matthew 1:18-25

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The Hebrew name Joseph means "the LORD has added."  
The example of Joseph in this text teaches us that if we seek the Lord, He will add to our lives in four ways.

**Interruption: He Interrupts Our Plans with His Plans**

*Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.*

Matthew 1:18 (NIV)

**Correction: He Corrects Our Thoughts with His Thoughts**

*Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit."*

Matthew 1:19-20 (NIV)