

## **NOT YOUR AVERAGE JOE**

### **MAN'S CHOICE, GOD'S CHOICE**

- Ways people determine value and importance
  1. Appearance
  2. Acquisitions - wealth
  3. Achievements - athletics / academics
- How God chooses **(1 Samuel 16:7 NKJV)**
  1. God looks inside - the heart / character
  2. God's perspective is true and without bias
  3. Everyone can be someone with a great heart

### **HIGH VALUE BUT NOT FAMOUS (Matthew 1:18-25 NKJV)**

- We don't know much about Joseph
  1. Nothing is mentioned about his appearance / acquisitions / achievements
  2. Nothing that would cause him to stand out
- We do know he was an upright man
  1. A man who would do the right thing
  2. A man who was self-controlled
- We know he was a man of courage and faith
  1. The courage to take Mary as his wife - people would be talking
  2. The courage to accept the responsibility of raising the Messiah
  3. The faith to obey the angel's command
  4. His courage and faith were strengthened believing God was in this with him

### **BECOMING A HIGH VALUE CONTRIBUTOR TO GOD'S KINGDOM**

- It's not about being famous
  1. Not about being how visible you are to people
  2. Not about how much influence and followers you have
  3. About living a life worthy of the Lord - a life that honors God
- A person who lives upright / self-controlled
  1. The ability to control appetites and emotions
  2. You have the capacity to live this way **(2 Peter 1:5-6 NKJV)**
- A person of courage and faith
  1. The courage to do the right thing
  2. The faith to obey God
  3. What will make the difference **(Isaiah 41:10 NKJV)**