

Key Scripture

Matthew 2:2 Douay-Rheims Where is He that is born king of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the east, and are come to <u>adore Him</u>.

### When life gets difficult...

#### Matthew 1:18 NLT

18 This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit.

### Why don't people want to obey God?

### ✓ <u>Self</u>-Absorbed

2 Timothy 3:1-2 NASB 1 But realize this, that in the last days <u>difficult times will come</u>. 2 For <u>men will be lovers of self</u>...

### ✓ Not knowing God's Word.

#### Matthew 1:22-23 NLT

#### 22 All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through His prophet:

23 "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a Son, and they will call Him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'"

### $\checkmark$ The need to <u>understand</u> everything completely.

#### Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJV

5 *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And <u>lean not on your own understanding;</u> 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.* 

### ✓ Unwilling to face opposition.

#### 1 Peter 3:13-15 Message

13 If with heart and soul you're doing good, do you think you can be stopped?
14 Even if you suffer for it, you're still better off.
Don't give the opposition a second thought. 15 Through thick and thin,

keep your hearts at attention, in adoration before Christ, your Master.

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# Let Us Adore Him

**Obeying When Life Gets Difficult** 

## Obeying the Lord...when life is difficult

# 1. Care for others like Jesus cares.

Matthew 1:19 NLT

Joseph, her fiancé, was a good man and did not want to disgrace her publicly,

so he decided to break the engagement quietly.

#### Psalm 115:4-8 NLT

4 Their idols are merely things of silver and gold, shaped by human hands.
5 They have mouths but cannot speak, and eyes but cannot see.
6 They have ears but cannot hear, and noses but cannot smell.
7 They have hands but cannot feel,
and feet but cannot walk, and throats but cannot make a sound.

8 And those who make idols are just like them, as are all who trust in them.

#### Philippians 2:3-5 CEV

3 Don't be jealous or proud, but be humble and consider others more important than yourselves. 4 <u>Care about them as much as you care about yourselves</u> 5 and <u>think the same way that Christ Jesus thought</u>:

# 2. <u>Consider</u> the Lord's ways.

#### Matthew 1:20-21 NLT

20 <u>As he considered this</u>, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream.
"Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife.
For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. 21 And she will have a Son, and you are to <u>name Him Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins</u>."

# 3. <u>Convert</u> the knowing into doing.

#### Matthew 1:24-25 NLT

24 When Joseph woke up, <u>he did as the angel of the Lord commanded</u> and took Mary as his wife. 25 But <u>he did not have sexual relations with her</u> until her son was born. <u>And Joseph named Him Jesus.</u>

John 14:15 CEV

Jesus said to His disciples: If you love Me, you will do as I command.

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